

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

CROOKED RIVER RANCH WATER  
COMPANY

An Investigation Pursuant to ORS 756.515 to  
Determine Jurisdiction

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO STAY HEARING AND ORAL ARGUMENT  
GRANTED

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A hearing in this matter is set for July 20, 2010. At the end of the hearing, this matter is to be submitted on oral argument. By motion filed July 19, 2010, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) requests that the proceedings be stayed. Staff states that its motion is not opposed by Crooked River Ranch Water Company, and asks for an expedited ruling.

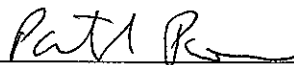
**II. STAFF'S MOTION**

As grounds for its motion, Staff refers to the case of *Charles Nichols, et al, v. Crooked River Ranch Water Co., et al.*, pending in Jefferson County Circuit Court. According to Staff, parties in that proceeding "are currently engaged in good faith settlement discussions." Based on those discussions, Staff requests that proceedings in this matter be stayed to allow the parties additional time to discuss settlement.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Given that Staff's motion is unopposed, and for good cause shown, the motion is granted. The evidentiary hearing and oral argument set for July 20, 2010 is canceled, and the schedule herein is vacated. A Notice of Cancellation of Hearing accompanies this ruling.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.



Patrick Power  
Administrative Law Judge