

ORDER NO. 20-125

ENTERED: Apr 17 2020

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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MIDDLE FORK IRRIGATION
DISTRICT,

Complainant,

vs.

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Defendant.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: COMPLAINT DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE; RECORD CLOSED

I. SUMMARY

In this order, I grant the joint stipulated motion filed by Middle Fork Irrigation District (Middle Fork) and Portland General Electric Company (PGE), and dismiss the above-captioned complaint with prejudice.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 15, 2019, Middle Fork filed a complaint against PGE. On January 24, 2019, PGE filed an unopposed motion for extension of time in which to respond to the complaint in these proceedings, and I granted that motion in my January 24, 2019 ruling.

On February 15, 2019, PGE filed an unopposed motion for stay, requesting an immediate and indefinite stay of PGE's February 19, 2019 deadline to respond to the complaint in this proceeding and to give the parties additional time to pursue settlement discussions. I granted the unopposed motion for indefinite stay on February 15, 2019.

On January 14, and February 19, 2020, respectively, I issued rulings directing the parties to file status reports so that they could continue their settlement discussions, and the parties filed joint status reports on February 14, and March 20, 2020.

In the parties' March 20, 2020 status report, they reported that they have reached a settlement in principle, will be finalizing the terms of settlement within the next several weeks, and requested that the stay remain in effect to provide time to finalize the settlement.

On March 25, 2020, I issued a ruling continuing the stay so that they could continue their settlement discussions in anticipation of finalizing a settlement.

On April 8, 2020, the parties filed a joint stipulated motion to dismiss complaint, requesting that the complaint be dismissed with prejudice.

III. DISCUSSION

The settlement of disputes by mutual agreement is an efficient means of furthering the public interest and I encourage parties to freely engage in negotiations leading to such settlements. The joint motion is granted.


IV. ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Joint Stipulated Motion to Dismiss Complaint filed by Middle Fork Irrigation District and Portland General Electric Company is granted.
2. The complaint filed by Middle Fork Irrigation District is dismissed with prejudice.
3. This docket is closed.

Made, entered, and effective Apr 17, 2020.





Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division