HERMISTON INTERCHANGE ROAD VACATION REPORT COUNTY ROADS 829 & 653 (A.K.A. OLD HIGHWAY 207)

> UMATILLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

> > **MARCH**, 2008

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Old County Road Right of Way Vacation Report - Hermiston Interchange Area

History

Umatilla County received a petition from Oregon Hereford Ranch in March, 2007 to vacate a strip of road right of way lying between Highway 207 and the Interstate 84 frontage road known as Noble Road, County Road No. 1336. The road is approximately 600 feet long. It first was established in 1908 as County Road No. 653 at a width of 40 feet. In 1923 County Road No. 829 was established at a width of 60 feet and overlapped the older road in this area. County Road 829 shortly thereafter became the Hermiston Highway, or Highway 207. After Interstate 84 and the new Hermiston Interchange were completed in the 1960's, this 600-foot long strip of road right of way was no longer needed by the State and was abandoned back to the County. The road is shown colored in yellow on the survey maps included in this report.

Uses and Ownerships

The road is currently used mainly as an access for feeding livestock. It has a paved surface approximately 20 feet wide that is rapidly deteriorating and has never been maintained by Umatilla County, as is evidenced by the fact that it has never been assigned a new number and doesn't appear in the County Book of Maps. It is bounded on the north by Noble Road, on the south by Highway 207, on the west by Tax Lot 400 owned by Oregon Hereford Ranch, and on the east by Tax Lot 300 owned by Oregon Hereford Ranch and Tax Lot 200 owned by Umatilla County. Tax Lots 200 and 300 are currently not irrigated and used for dry lot pasturing of 2 horses and a burro. The Petitioner is requesting the vacation so that Tax Lots 300 and 400 can be farmed as one unit. The Petitioner is also interested in obtaining Tax Lot 200 from the County.

Traffic Volumes

The most recent figure we have for measured traffic volume on Highway 207 just south of Interstate 84 and Noble Road was 1600/day taken in 2003. In 2007, the measured volume on Noble Road was 324/day. In 2007, the measured volume on the road that is the subject of this vacation proceeding was 17/day. This shows that the vast majority of the traffic using Noble Road to access Interstate 84 or Highway 207 are staying on Noble Road and not using the old right of way. Visual observations also showed that most of the traffic using the old road was local (farm) traffic, with the exception of one school bus that was seen using it. Mid Columbia Bus Company was sent a notice of the pending road vacation with a request for comments, but no response was received.

Notification

Along with Mid Columbia Bus Company, Westwinds Nursery, County Planning, ODOT, Qwest, and Umatilla Electric Cooperative were sent notices requesting responses. No response was received from Qwest or Westwinds Nursery. County Planning and ODOT had no negative comments and their responses are included in this report. Umatilla Electric Cooperative had no negative comments, but requested that we reserve a utility easement over the westerly 10 feet of the vacated road. Their comments are also included in this report.

Tax Lot 200

Tax Lot 200 was originally a 2-acre parcel obtained by A. M. Teninty in 1951. In 1966 the State of Oregon took all except 0.45 acre (0.38 acre, surveyed area) for freeway and interchange construction. In 1978 Umatilla County acquired the property through tax foreclosure. As stated earlier, the Petitioner is interested in obtaining the property from the County. In its current condition, it is of no value to the County and would probably be a weed or dumping problem if it weren't for the livestock pastured on it. Because the property was originally described from the easterly right of way line of the old county road (Highway 207 at the time of the deed), it would receive none of the vacated acreage.

Recommendation

Vacating the road would return 0.83 acre to the tax rolls. It would also relieve the County of repair and maintenance responsibilities. For these reasons, the Public Works Department believes vacating the road would be in the public interest. It is also recommended that the acreage within the road be added to Tax Lot 300 owned by Oregon Hereford Ranch, as all of the right of way lies east of the line between Tax Lots 300 and 400 based on current surveys. A copy of an assessor map showing the proposed configuration of Tax Lot 300 if the road is vacated is included in this report.

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March 12, 2007

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Mr. Doug Olsen Umatilla County 216 S.E. 4th St. Pendleton, OR 97801

Re: Road Vacation Request

Dear Mr. Olsen:

On behalf of my clients, Oregon Hereford Ranch, I enclose a Petition to Vacate Road, along with supporting documents. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$500, which we understand is the fee for such a request.

I trust that if a hearing is required that you will notify me so that I might appear on my client's behalf. If you need anything more please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Steven H. Corey

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NAME	ADDRESS	T.L.
Oregon Hereford Ranch	767 Hwy. 207 Echo, OR 97826	400 <u>& 300</u>
OFFICIAL SEAL STACEY WELLS NOTARY PUBLIC-OREGON		

PETITIONERS



On this <u>6</u> day of <u>March</u>, 20<u>07</u>, before me, the undersigned, <u>Donald Bennett</u> personally appeared, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the same freely and voluntarily. mill

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last written above.

STATE OF OREGON) ss COUNTY OF Umatilla

COMMISSION NO. 389150 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 20, 2009

en NOTARY PUBLIC FOR OREGON

My Commission Expires 02/20/2009

PETITION

A. Description of the road to be vacated.

During the expansion of I-84 and the subsequent re-routing of Highway 207 (Buttercreek Hwy.), County Roads 653 and 829 were deeded back to Umatilla County. The road is not maintained by the County and serves no purpose. There are no residences in this area. A frontage road lies south of the freeway and allows access to and from Buttercreek Hwy.

B. Statement of reason for requesting the vacation.

Petitioners own the property to the west of the County Road (tax lot 400). It is used as an irrigated pasture for cattle. Petitioners also own tax lot 300, which is on the east side of the County Road and consists of 14.0 acres. Petitioners desire to incorporate the roadway and tax lot 300 into one contiguous pasture and restore it into productive farm land.

E. Names & addresses of all persons owning any Real Property abutting public or county road proposed to be vacated.

There are only two property owners involved, Oregon Hereford Ranch and Umatilla County, who owns tax lot 200, consisting of 0.45 acres.

NOTE: Petitioners may have an interest in purchasing tax lot 200 from Umatilla County, although the ground is on a slant and would not be practical to farm.

This map was prepared for assessment purposes SW1/4 SEC 33 T4N R28E WM 9/19/06 4N 28 33C UMATILLA COUNTY AERIAL PHOTO NO. 2P-141 SCALE 1"=200' See Map 4N 28 33B MORROW COUNTY LINE-STANFIELD SEC. Cir. Sec 174 Cor. A States STATE of OREGON HIGHWAY COMMISSION NCELU TL 491 401 402 492 101 301 201 701 500 202 10.0 10 4 20 7 16-10 OLD OREGON INTERSTATE TRAIL HIG 84 VA 250 140 Unafille / Gunty M 400 44.29 Ac 100 300 8 829) Oregon Hereford Ranch v or 580) Vacuted Rd. See Map 4N 28 C See Map 4N 28 C 600 0.70 A 700 54.13 A TALE 403 1.00 Ac 32 33 1/4 Cor. See Map 3N 28 4N 28 33C

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I (We), SEE "PETITIONERS" NEXT PAGE, petition the Board of County Commissioners County Rd. No. 653 & 829 of Umatilla County, Oregon to vacate more particularly described as follows:

(Attach description and drawing)

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Petitioners are the owners, as shown in the records of Umatilla County, of property abutting the road sought to be vacated, (and petitioners are the only persons or corporations particularly affected by the proposed vacation of the road).

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No portion of the road proposed to be vacated is situated within the corporate limits of any city.

IV

The particular circumstances that justify granting a vacation of the described road are: (attach extra page if necessary)

HOW PROPERTY IS USED CONDITION OF PROPERTY REASON FOR VACATION

Pasture T/L 400 is irrigated pasture; T/L 300 is undeveloped To join property into one farmable tract

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Names and addresses of all persons holding any recorded interest in and / or owning any real property abutting the road proposed to be vacated: (Including any property on the opposite side of road). - - - - -

Oregon Hereford Ranch	Ech o, OR 97826 216 SE 4th St.
Umatilla County	216 SE 4th St. Pendleton, OR 97801

VI

Petitioners request that after the giving of notice as required by law , a hearing be held on this petition before the Board of county Commissioners , and that an order be entered vacating the property more particularly described above.

Dated this <u>B</u> (i) day of <u>March</u>, 2007.

Gary Roberts

From: Nancy Lang [nancy.lang@umatillaelectric.com]

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 12:41 PM

To: Gary Roberts

Subject: RE: Oregon Hereford Ranch Road Vacation

Gary

A 10 foot wide strip on the west of the vacated road would be fine. Rather than having UEC having an exclusive easement, you could make it a Utility Easement, that way UEC and QWEST are included.

Thank you again

Nancy Lang Distribution Designer Umatilla Electric Cooperative 750 W. Elm Hermiston, OR 97838 (541) 564-4367

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From: Gary Roberts [mailto:groberts@co.umatilla.or.us] Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 12:09 PM To: Nancy Lang Subject: RE: Oregon Hereford Ranch Road Vacation

The only right we would have is to reserve easement rights across the right of way we would be vacating. Your poles lie very near to or slightly west of the right of way. Would it be sufficient to reserve an easement over the westerly 10 feet of the vacated road? Also, would UECA have any problem with including an easement across the 10-foot strip for QWEST, which has underground lines installed near your poles?

From: Nancy Lang [mailto:nancy.lang@umatillaelectric.com] Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 10:44 AM To: Gary Roberts Subject: RE: Oregon Hereford Ranch Road Vacation

Good morning Gary,

I apologize for taking so long to get back to and do not wish to hold up the project. Will you please include our easement in the Vacation Notice paper work. We require a 10 feet easement, 5 foot each side. If you need anything further please let me know.

Thank you

Nancy Lang Distribution Designer Umatilla Electric Cooperative 750 W. Elm Hermiston, OR 97838 (541) 564-4367

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From: Gary Roberts [mailto:groberts@co.umatilla.or.us] Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 9:10 AM To: Nancy Lang Subject: RE: Oregon Hereford Ranch Road Vacation

The ownership of the road, if vacated, would revert to Oregon Hereford Ranch, as they own underlying title (the county road is basically an easement). So if you could get them to grant you an easement for whatever you needed, the vacation order would reflect that. The small tax lot owned by Umatilla County would not get any of the vacated road, as it was originally described from the east right-of-way line of the old county road (old Highway 207). Another way to do it would be for you to provide me with a description of what you need for the easement and I can include it in the vacation order (this is how we normally do it). Let me know which way you want to proceed. Thanks.

From: Nancy Lang [mailto:nancy.lang@umatillaelectric.com] Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 7:42 AM To: Gary Roberts Subject: RE: Oregon Hereford Ranch Road Vacation Importance: High

Good morning Gary,

Umatilla Electric has decided to obtain an easement for the property Umatilla County is vacating. Who is the legal owner of the property? I need to request the deed from Umatilla County and I am not sure if it is deeded to the County or to Oregon Hereford Ranch. Please let me know and I will expedite the easement for signatures as soon as possible.

Thank you

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Oregon Department of Transportation

District 12 Office 1327 SE 3rd St. Pendleton, OR 97801 Telephone: (541) 276-1241 FAX: (541) 276-5767

Gary Roberts, Surveying Supervisor Umatilla County Road Department 3920 Westgate Pendleton, Oregon 97801

File Code:

Re: Vacate Right-of-Way SW quad. I-84 hwy 207 interchange

I am writing in response to Oregon Hereford Ranch proposal to vacate a section of County right-of-way lying between the I-84 frontage road (Noble road) and highway 207 at the Hermiston interchange (exit 182). The District has no concerns with the proposed vacation, and feels that it would probably be advantageous to get the property back on the tax rolls.

If you have any other questions or comments, please feel free contact me in Pendleton, (541) 276-1241.

Sincerely,

George Ruby ODOT District 12 Manager

cc: file (countyvacate.doc) Hermiston Crew

J.R. Cook Г **Resource Services & Development** 216 SE 4th Street Pendleton, OR 97801 Ph: 541-278-6251 Fax: 541-278-5480 Date: 2-15-08 To: Gan am/a Uncation Re: an land use vise it does not look tik the me my issues. J.R.





UMATILLA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT 9920 Westgate Pendleton, oregon 97801 Phone 541/278-5424 PROPERTY SURVEY AND MONUMENTATION OF OLD COUNTY ROAD NO. 653 (ALSO KNOWN AS OLD COUNTY ROAD NO. 829 AND OLD HIGHWAY NO. 207) LOCATED IN SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 28 E.W.M SURVEY PERFORMED SEPTEMBER, 2007 MONUMENTS SET FEBRUARY, 2008 SHEET 1 OF 2

B-4 SURVEY FOR HURLBURT AND SNITH BY JOHN KINBRELL, COUNTY SURVEYOR SURVEY NO. 258, BOOK 2, PAGE 68, RECORD OF PRIVATE SURVEYE, DATED OCTOREN, 1907 8-5 BURYEY NO. K-74-8 BY PL8 938, DATED 1976

S-3 SURVEY FOR R. PERKINS BY A. L. COFFEY, COUNTY SURVEYOR, SURVEY NO. 9, BOOK 1, PAGE 60, RECORD OF PRIVATE SURVEYS, DATED OCTOBER 1888

S-2 ORIGINAL G.L.O. SURVEY BY EBENEZER E. HAFT, CONTRACT NO. 93, DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1980

SURVEY RECORDS 8-1 ORISTNAL 8. L.O. BURVEY BY N. H. BATES, CONTRACT NO. 84, DATED JULY 22, 1859

5-6 BURVEY NO. 8-156-C BY PLS 933. DATED 1980

8-7 BURVEY NO. 8-14-8 BY PLS 1638: DATED 1981

8-8 BURYEY NO. 8-48-8 BY PLS 1638, DATED 1981

8-9 SURVEY NO. 92-46-C BY PLS 961

5-10 SURVEY NO. 02-205-9 BY PLS 654

8-11 SURVEY NO. 05-43-C BY PLB 951

H-5 BUTTERCHEEK JCT. OLD DREGON TRAIL HWY, SEC. (HIGHWAY 207). BY J. X. WILGON (09HD), UMATILLA COUNTY SURVEY NO. 91-99-0

H-4 NORFON COUNTY LINE - BTANFIELD SECTION. (1 OF 2), OLD GREGON TRAIN HIGHNAY (1-84), DRAWING NO. 88-39-12, DATED DCTOBER 1940 (REVISED JULY 1966: SUPPEY COMPLETED 7/18/267)

H-2 HINKLE UNDERPASS-UNATILLA RIVER SECTION (HIGHWAY 207). H-3 MOREON COUNTY LINE - BUCK'S COMMENDECTION OLD GREEON TRAIL TRAINING NO. ST-0-22 DATE 1983 (AB-CONSTRUCTED DATED 1987), BY COHD.

HIGHWAY RECORDS H-1 UMATILLA RIVER SECTION, HERMISTON, BECONDARY NO. 323 (HIGHWAY 207), DATEL 1996 (HETATLE ADDED 1966; AB-CONSTRUCTED 1966-1967), BY OSHD DATEL NO. 8-10-23-8

COUNTY ROAD RECORDS FIELD NOTES AND PLAT OF ROAD NO. 659 BY JOHN KINBRELL, COUNTY BURYEYOR (1908) CONNISSIONERS' JOURNAL, BOOK "O", PAGE 176, ORDER OPENING ROAD NO. 829 (1923)

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