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To: Interested Persons

From: Lane Shetterly, Director



*Re: Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352) Claim Number M130326*

*Claimant: Indian Point, Inc.*

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Enclosed, in regard to the above-referenced claim for compensation under Ballot Measure 37 (ORS 197.352), is the Final Staff Report and Recommendation of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, and the Final Order.

This Final Staff Report and Recommendation and the Final Order constitute the final decision on this claim. No further action will be taken on this matter.

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES,  
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM FOR ) FINAL ORDER  
COMPENSATION UNDER ORS 197.352 ) CLAIM NO. M130326  
(BALLOT MEASURE 37) OF )  
Indian Point, Inc., CLAIMANT )

Claimant: Indian Point, Inc. (the Claimant)

Property: Township 26S, Range 14W, Section 12, Tax lots 400, 500 and 600  
Township 26S, Range 14W, Section 11, Tax lot 1300  
Coos County (the Property)

Claim: The demand for compensation and any supporting information received from the  
Claimant by the State of Oregon (the Claim).

Claimant submitted the Claim to the State of Oregon under ORS 197.352. Under OAR 125-145-0010 *et seq.*, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) referred the Claim to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) as the regulating entity. This order is based on the record herein, including the Findings and Conclusions set forth in the Final Staff Report and Recommendation of DLCD (the DLCD Report) attached to and by this reference incorporated into this order.

ORDER

The Claim is approved as to laws administered by DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for the reasons set forth in the DLCD Report, and subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under ORS 197.352, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to Indian Point, Inc.'s division of the 236.19-acre subject property and to its development of a dwelling on each resulting parcel, with neighborhood retail and a hotel and related recreational facilities: applicable provisions of Goals 3, 4, 11 and 14; ORS 215; and OAR 660, divisions 4, 6, 11, and 33. These land use regulations will not apply to the claimant only to the extent necessary to allow it to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when it acquired the property on August 17, 1973.

Goal 11 will not apply only to the extent that it prohibits the claimant from establishing an urban level of public facilities and services to serve the development of the property. Goal 11 will continue to apply to public service providers seeking to extend or establish public facilities to serve the subject property.

2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimant to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on August 17, 1973.

3. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the subject property may not be used without a permit, license or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless the claimant first obtains that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a "permit" as defined in ORS 215.402 or 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.

4. Any use of the subject property by the claimant under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to ORS 197.352 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under ORS 197.352(3).

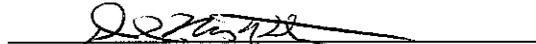
5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for the claimant to use the subject property, it may be necessary for it to obtain a decision under ORS 197.352 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves the claimant from the necessity of obtaining a decision under ORS 197.352 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to a use of the subject property by the claimant.

This Order is entered by the Director of the DLCD as a final order of DLCD and the Land Conservation and Development Commission under ORS 197.352, OAR 660-002-0010(8), and OAR 125, division 145, and by the Administrator for the State Services Division of the DAS as a final order of DAS under ORS 197.352, OAR 125, division 145, and ORS 293.

FOR DLCD AND THE LAND  
CONSERVATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

  
Lane Shetterly, Director  
DLCD  
Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

FOR the DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

  
David Hartwig, Administrator  
DAS, State Services Division  
Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

## **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL OR OTHER JUDICIAL RELIEF**

You are entitled, or may be entitled, to judicial remedies including the following:

1. Judicial review under ORS 183.484: Judicial review under ORS 183.484 may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the service of this order. A petition for judicial review under ORS 183.484 may be filed in the Circuit Court for Marion County or the Circuit Court in the county in which you reside.
2. A cause of action under ORS 197.352 (Measure 37 (2004)): If a land use regulation continues to apply to the subject property more than 180 days after the present owner of the property has made written demand for compensation under ORS 197.352, the present owner of the property, or any interest therein, shall have a cause of action in the circuit court in which the real property is located.

(Copies of the documents that comprise the record are available for review at the Department's office at 635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97301-2540)

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Oregon Department of Justice has advised the Department of Land Conservation and Development that “[i]f the current owner of the real property conveys the property before the new use allowed by the public entity is established, then the entitlement to relief will be lost.”

**ORS 197.352 (BALLOT MEASURE 37) CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION**

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
Final Staff Report and Recommendation**

April 10, 2007

**STATE CLAIM NUMBER:** M130326

**NAME OF CLAIMANT:** Indian Point, Inc.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** PO Box 3362  
Harbor, Oregon 97415

**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION:** Township 26S, Range 14W, Section 12  
Tax lots 400, 500 and 600  
Township 26S, Range 14W, Section 11  
Tax lot 1300  
Coos County

**OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:** Steven Pfeiffer  
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**DATE RECEIVED BY DAS:** October 17, 2006

**180-DAY DEADLINE:** April 15, 2007

**I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM**

The claimant, Indian Point, Inc., seeks compensation in the amount of \$10 million for the reduction in fair market value as a result of land use regulations that are alleged to restrict the use of certain private real property. The claimant desires compensation or the right to divide the 236.19-acre subject property and to develop a dwelling on each resulting parcel, with neighborhood retail and a hotel and related recreational facilities. The subject property is located on Crown Point Road and Cape Arago Highway, near Charleston, in Coos County. (See claim.)

**II. SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings and conclusions set forth below, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) has determined that the claim is valid. Department staff recommends that, in lieu of compensation, the requirements of the following state laws enforced by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) or the department not apply to Indian Point, Inc.'s division of the 236.19-acre subject property and to its development of a dwelling on each resulting parcel, with neighborhood retail and a hotel and related recreational facilities: applicable provisions of Statewide Planning Goals 3 (Agricultural Lands), 4 (Forest Lands), 11 (Public Facilities and Services) and 14 (Urbanization); ORS 215;

and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660, divisions 4, 6, 11, and 33. These laws will not apply to the claimant only to the extent necessary to allow it to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when it acquired the property in 1973.<sup>1</sup> (See the complete recommendation in Section VI of this report.)

### **III. COMMENTS ON THE CLAIM**

#### **Comments Received**

On March 2, 2007, pursuant to OAR 125-145-0080, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) provided written notice to the owners of surrounding properties. According to DAS, one written comment was received in response to the 10-day notice.

The comment is relevant to when the claimant became the present owner of the subject property, whether a state law restricts the claimant's use of the subject property, whether the restriction of the claimant's use of the subject property reduces the fair market value of the property and whether the laws that are the basis for the claim are exempt under ORS 197.352(3). The comment has been considered by the department in preparing this report. (See the comment letter in the department's claim file.)

### **IV. TIMELINESS OF CLAIM**

#### **Requirement**

ORS 197.352(5) requires that a written demand for compensation be made:

1. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted prior to the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), within two years of that effective date, or the date the public entity applies the land use regulation as an approval criteria to an application submitted by the owner, whichever is later; or
2. For claims arising from land use regulations enacted after the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), within two years of the enactment of the land use regulation, or the date the owner of the property submits a land use application in which the land use regulation is an approval criteria, whichever is later.

#### **Findings of Fact**

This claim was submitted to DAS on October 17, 2006, for processing under OAR 125, division 145. The claim identifies all statewide planning goals; ORS 215.705, 215.740 and

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<sup>1</sup> The claim also indicates that the claimant desires to sell or transfer the newly created parcels for development. In effect, the claimant requests that a decision of the department to "not apply" (waive) certain laws as set forth in this report be transferable with the property. ORS 197.352 only authorizes a state agency to waive a law in order to allow the current owner a use of the property permitted at the time that owner acquired the property. A determination of transferability is beyond the scope of relief that the department may grant under ORS 197.352. The Oregon Department of Justice has advised the department that "[i]f the current owner of the real property conveys the property before a new use allowed by the public entity is established, then the entitlement to relief will be lost."

215.780; OAR 660, divisions 6, 11, 14, and 33, as the basis for the claim. Only laws that were enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, are the basis for this claim.

### **Conclusions**

The claim has been submitted within two years of the effective date of Measure 37 (December 2, 2004), based on land use regulations enacted or adopted prior to December 2, 2004, and is therefore timely filed.

## **V. ANALYSIS OF CLAIM**

### **1. Ownership**

ORS 197.352 provides for payment of compensation or relief from specific laws for “owners” as that term is defined in ORS 197.352. ORS 197.352(11)(C) defines “owner” as “the present owner of the property, or any interest therein.”

### **Findings of Fact**

The claimant, Indian Point, Inc., acquired the subject property on August 17, 1973, as reflected by a warranty deed included with the claim. The Coos County Assessor’s Office confirms the claimant’s current ownership of the subject property.

### **Conclusions**

The claimant, Indian Point, Inc., is an “owner” of the subject property as that term is defined by ORS 197.352(11)(C), as of August 17, 1973.

### **2. The Laws That are the Basis for This Claim**

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires, in part, that a law must restrict the claimant’s use of private real property in a manner that reduces the fair market value of the property relative to how the property could have been used at the time the claimant or a family member acquired the property.

### **Findings of Fact**

The claim indicates that the claimant desires to divide the 236.19-acre subject property and to develop a dwelling on each resulting parcel, with neighborhood retail and a hotel and related recreational facilities, and that current land use regulations prevent the desired use.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The claimant summarily cites numerous state land use laws as applicable to this claim, but does not establish how the laws either apply to the claimant’s desired use of the subject property or restrict its use with the effect of reducing its fair market value. On their face, most of the regulations either do not apply to the claimant’s property or do not restrict the claimant’s desired use of the property with the effect of reducing its fair market value. In addition, because of the very general nature of the claimant’s description of the desired use, the department is unable to evaluate whether some of the summarily listed regulations may restrict the actual, but unexplained, desired use. This report addresses only those regulations that the department finds are applicable to and restrict the claimant’s

The claim is based in part on the applicable provisions of state law that require mixed farm-forest zoning and restrict uses on land zoned mixed farm-forest, and in part on the provisions of state law that regulate rural residential zoning.

A portion of the claimant's property is zoned by Coos County as Forest (F) with a mixed use overlay, which is a mixed agricultural and forest land zone, as required by Goal 4 and the implementing provisions of OAR 660-006-0050 (effective on February 5, 1990), subsequently amended on March 1, 1994, to comply with the provisions of House Bill 3661 (Chapter 792, Oregon Laws 1993).

Under OAR 660-006-0050, all the uses permitted under Goals 3 and 4 are allowed in mixed agriculture and forest zones except that for dwellings, either the Goal 3 or 4 standards are applicable based on the predominant use of the tract on January 1, 1993.<sup>3</sup> Depending on the predominant use on that date, the F-zoned portion of the property is subject to either the requirements for dwellings applicable under exclusive farm use zoning required by Goal 3 and OAR 660, division 33, or forest zone provisions required by Goal 4 and OAR 660, division 6.

For land divisions, OAR 660-006-0055 authorizes the creation of new parcels based on the standards applicable to farm or forest zones that implement the 80-acre minimum lot size specified in ORS 215.780. Under ORS 215.780(2)(a), the minimum lot size in Coos County's F zone is 80 acres. The claimant's property cannot be divided into parcels smaller than 80 acres.

The remaining portion of the claimant's property is zoned RR-2 by Coos County. The RR-2 zone is a rural residential zone consistent with Goal 14, which generally requires that land outside of urban growth boundaries (UGBs) be used for rural uses. Coos County's RR-2 zone was adopted on February 16, 1983, and requires a minimum of two acres for the creation of a new lot or parcel.

The rule states that if a county rural residential zone in effect on October 4, 2000, specifies a minimum lot size of two acres or more, the area of any new lot or parcel shall equal or exceed the minimum lot size that is already in effect (OAR 660-004-0040(7)(c)). Some relief from this provision is available for lots or parcels having more than one permanent habitable dwelling pursuant to OAR 660-004-0040(7)(h). The rule also provides that a county's minimum lot size requirement in a rural residential zone shall not be amended to allow a smaller minimum lot size without approval of an exception to Goal 14 (OAR 660-004-0040(6)). Because Coos County's rural residential zone was in effect on October 4, 2000, and requires a minimum lot size of two acres, the minimum lot size for any new lot or parcel must equal or exceed two acres.

Goal 11, which also became effective on January 25, 1975, generally prohibits urban levels of public facilities and services on lands that are outside a UGB. Goal 11 and its implementing rules have two components: one that prohibits an owner from utilizing urban-level facilities or services to serve the property, and another that prohibits service providers from extending their facilities to serve property outside a UGB. The former can restrict a claimant's use of property. The latter is a restriction on service providers. Goal 11 and OAR 660, division 11, apply to the

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desired use of the subject property, based on the claimant's description of its desired use. At such time as the claimant proposes to develop the property, the actual desired use may require waiver of additional regulations.

<sup>3</sup> No information was provided to the department regarding the predominant use of the property on January 1, 1993.

claimant's use of the property only to the extent that they would restrict the claimant's development of urban-level public or community sewer or water facilities on the subject property.

The claimant acquired the subject property in 1973, prior to the adoption of the statewide planning goals and their implementing statutes and rules. At that time, the subject property was not zoned by Coos County.

### **Conclusions**

The current zoning requirements, minimum lot size and dwelling standards established by Goals 3, 4, 11 and 14; ORS 215; and OAR 660, divisions 4, 6, 11, and 33, were all enacted or adopted after the claimant acquired the subject property in 1973 and do not allow the desired division or development of the property. These laws restrict the use of the property relative to the uses allowed when the claimant acquired the property

Those elements of Goal 11 that prohibit a public service provider from extending or establishing public facilities or services outside of a UGB restrict the actions of local government rather than the claimant's use of the property. That component of Goal 11 is not subject to ORS 197.352 and will continue to apply to those service providers. Only the general prohibition under Goal 11 on the claimant's establishment of an urban level of public facilities and services is subject to ORS 197.352 and restricts the claimant's desired use of the property. The claim does not establish whether or the extent to which the requirements of Goal 11 and its implementing rules restrict the claimant's desired use of the property.

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the subject property, based on the uses that the claimant has identified. There may be other laws that currently apply to the claimant's use of the subject property, and that may continue to apply to the claimant's use of the property, that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases, it will not be possible to know which laws apply to a use of the subject property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When the claimant seeks a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use.

### **3. Effect of Regulations on Fair Market Value**

In order to establish a valid claim, ORS 197.352(1) requires that the land use regulation(s) described in Section V.(2) of this report must have "the effect of reducing the fair market value of the property, or any interest therein."

### **Findings of Fact**

The claim includes an estimate of \$10 million as the reduction in the subject property's fair market value due to the regulations that restrict the claimant's desired use of the property. This amount is based on the claimant's assessment of the subject property's value.

## **Conclusions**

As explained in Section V.(1) of this report, the claimant is Indian Point, Inc., which acquired the subject property on August 17, 1973. Under ORS 197.352, the claimant is due compensation for land use regulations that restrict the use of the subject property and have the effect of reducing its fair market value. Based on the findings and conclusions in Section V.(2) of this report, laws enacted or adopted since the claimant acquired the subject property restrict the claimant's desired use of the property. The claimant estimates that the effect of the regulations on the fair market value of the subject property is a reduction of \$10 million.

Without an appraisal or other documentation, it is not possible to substantiate the specific dollar amount by which the land use regulations have reduced the fair market value of the subject property. Nevertheless, based on the evidence in the record for this claim, the department determines that the fair market value of the subject property has been reduced to some extent as a result of land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department.

### **4. Exemptions Under ORS 197.352(3)**

ORS 197.352 does not apply to certain land use regulations. In addition, under ORS 197.352(3), certain types of laws are exempt from ORS 197.352.

## **Findings of Fact**

The claim is based on state land use regulations that restrict the use of the subject property, including applicable provisions of Goals 3, 4, 11 and 14; ORS 215; and OAR 660, divisions 4, 6, 11, and 33, which Coos County has implemented through its current F mixed use and RR-5 zones. All of these land use regulations were enacted or adopted after the claimant acquired the subject property.

## **Conclusions**

Without a specific development proposal for the subject property, it is not possible for the department to determine all the laws that may apply to a particular use of the property, or whether those laws may fall under one or more of the exemptions under ORS 197.352. It appears that none of the general statutory, goal and rule restrictions on residential division and development of the subject property were in effect when the claimant acquired the property in 1973. As a result, these laws are not exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E).

Laws in effect when the claimant acquired the subject property are exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(E) and will also continue to apply to the claimant's use of the property. In addition, the department notes that ORS 215.730 and OAR 660, division 6, particularly OAR 660-006-0029, include standards for siting dwellings in forest zones. Those provisions include fire protection standards for dwellings. In addition, portions of tax lots 400 and 1300 are estuarine tidelands that are zoned aquatic. ORS 197.352(3)(B) specifically exempts regulations "restricting or prohibiting activities for the protection of public health and safety. . . ." To the extent the county's flood plain regulations are based on state law, these regulations and siting standards for dwellings in forest zones in ORS 215.730 and OAR 660, division 6, would be exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(B). Nothing in this report alters the application of state land use

regulations restricting uses within a floodplain, including but not limited to Goal 7 (Natural Hazards).

There may be other laws that continue to apply to the claimant's use of the subject property that have not been identified in the claim. In some cases, it will not be possible to know which laws apply to a use of the subject property until there is a specific proposal for that use. When the claimant seeks a building or development permit to carry out a specific use, it may become evident that other state laws apply to that use. In some cases, some of these laws may be exempt under ORS 197.352(3)(A) to (D).

This report addresses only those state laws that are identified in the claim, or that the department is certain apply to the subject property based on the uses that the claimant has identified. Similarly, this report only addresses the exemptions provided for under ORS 197.352(3) that are clearly applicable, given the information provided to the department in the claim. The claimant should be aware that the less information it has provided to the department in the claim, the greater the possibility that there may be additional laws that will later be determined to continue to apply to its use of the subject property.

## **VI. FORM OF RELIEF**

ORS 197.352(1) provides for payment of compensation to an owner of private real property if the Commission or the department has enforced one or more laws that restrict the use of the property in a manner that reduces its fair market value. In lieu of compensation, the department may choose to not apply the law in order to allow the present owner to carry out a use of the property permitted at the time the present owner acquired the property. The Commission, by rule, has directed that if the department determines a claim is valid, the director of the department must provide only non-monetary relief unless and until funds are appropriated by the legislature to pay claims.

### **Findings of Fact**

Based on the findings and conclusions set forth in this report, laws enforced by the Commission or the department restrict the claimant's desired use of the subject property. The claim asserts that existing state land use regulations enforced by the Commission or the department have the effect of reducing the fair market value of the subject property by \$10 million. However, because the claim does not provide an appraisal or other relevant evidence demonstrating that the land use regulations described in Section V.(2) reduce the fair market value of the subject property, a specific amount of compensation cannot be determined. In order to determine a specific amount of compensation due for this claim, it would also be necessary to verify whether or the extent to which the claimant's desired use of the subject property was allowed under the standards in effect when it acquired the property. Nevertheless, based on the record for this claim, the department has determined that the laws on which the claim is based have reduced the fair market value of the subject property to some extent.

No funds have been appropriated at this time for the payment of claims. In lieu of payment of compensation, ORS 197.352 authorizes the department to modify, remove or not apply all or parts of certain land use regulations to allow Indian Point, Inc. to use the subject property for a use permitted at the time it acquired the property on August 17, 1973.

## Conclusions

Based on the record, the department recommends that the claim be approved, subject to the following terms:

1. In lieu of compensation under ORS 197.352, the State of Oregon will not apply the following laws to Indian Point, Inc.'s division of the 236.19-acre subject property and to its development of a dwelling on each resulting parcel, with neighborhood retail and a hotel and related recreational facilities: applicable provisions of Goals 3, 4, 11 and 14; ORS 215; and OAR 660, divisions 4, 6, 11, and 33. These land use regulations will not apply to the claimant only to the extent necessary to allow it to use the subject property for the use described in this report, and only to the extent that use was permitted when it acquired the property on August 17, 1973.

Goal 11 will not apply only to the extent that it prohibits the claimant from establishing an urban level of public facilities and services to serve the development of the property. Goal 11 will continue to apply to public service providers seeking to extend or establish public facilities to serve the subject property.

2. The action by the State of Oregon provides the state's authorization to the claimant to use the subject property for the use described in this report, subject to the standards in effect on August 17, 1973.

3. To the extent that any law, order, deed, agreement or other legally enforceable public or private requirement provides that the subject property may not be used without a permit, license or other form of authorization or consent, the order will not authorize the use of the property unless the claimant first obtains that permit, license or other form of authorization or consent. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to: a building permit, a land use decision, a "permit" as defined in ORS 215.402 or 227.160, other permits or authorizations from local, state or federal agencies and restrictions on the use of the subject property imposed by private parties.

4. Any use of the subject property by the claimant under the terms of the order will remain subject to the following laws: (a) those laws not specified in (1) above; (b) any laws enacted or enforced by a public entity other than the Commission or the department; and (c) those laws not subject to ORS 197.352 including, without limitation, those laws exempted under ORS 197.352(3).

5. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms and conditions, in order for the claimant to use the subject property, it may be necessary for it to obtain a decision under ORS 197.352 from a city and/or county and/or metropolitan service district that enforces land use regulations applicable to the property. Nothing in this order relieves the claimant from the necessity of obtaining a decision under ORS 197.352 from a local public entity that has jurisdiction to enforce a land use regulation applicable to a use of the subject property by the claimant.

## **VII. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT**

The department issued its draft staff report on this claim on March 20, 2007. OAR 125-145 0100(3), provided an opportunity for the claimant or the claimant's authorized agent and any

third parties who submitted comments under OAR 125-145-0080 to submit written comments, evidence and information in response to the draft staff report and recommendation.

According to DAS, one written comment was received in response to the draft staff report. The comment does not address whether the claim meets the criteria for relief under ORS 197.352. Comments concerning the effects a use of the property may have on surrounding areas are generally not something that the department is able to consider in determining whether to waive a state law. If funds do become available to pay compensation, then such effects may become relevant in determining which claims to pay compensation for instead of waive a state law. (See the comment letter in the department's claim file.)