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Lakeside Liquor Store Agent Retires **NEW STORE TO OPEN JANUARY 19**

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Lakeside liquor store #1049 at 215 S. Eighth Street will be closing its doors Friday, December 31, 2010. Bob Edwards is retiring after nearly 30 years as the Lakeside liquor store agent. The new liquor agent, Heidi Heller has been selected by the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Heller has chosen a property at 105 S. Eighth Street.

Because the current liquor store will be closing before the new agent can be established, the OLCC must move the distilled spirits inventory back to the OLCC warehouse in Portland until the new store opens. OLCC officials predict the new Lakeside liquor store could be open as early January 19.

“We had hoped Mr. Edwards would be willing to stay open a couple more weeks – but I don’t blame him for being eager to enjoy his well-earned retirement from the liquor business,” says Brian Flemming, Retail Service Director. “Bob has served the citizens of Lakeside well over the years and we wish him all the best. Once the new liquor store is open, we’ll do everything we can to help her get the shelves stocked right away.”

Liquor store agents are independent, small-business owners, independently contracted by the OLCC. They are not state employees.

The five citizen commissioners are the policy-making body of the OLCC. They meet monthly for one or two days to make decisions on liquor licenses, rules, contested case hearings and appointments of liquor store agents.

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