

## SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

YAKIMA BINDERY &amp; PTO. CO. 155234

Bert Rynearson, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says: I am employed by the Town of Stevenson as Superintendent of the Water Department of said Town and have been so employed ever since the Town of Stevenson acquired its water system in 1930 and am familiar with the location of all of the water mains supplying said system, including that water main extending in a westerly direction over the property of Lloyd T. Harshman, Skamania County, Hugh B. Smith et ux and Floyd McKelvey, which has been covered by the backwater from the Columbia River caused by the construction of the Bonneville Dam and which has since been replaced by pipe line on higher ground, because of said backwater.

I was also employed by the Stevenson Water Company, owner of said water system and particularly said water main, prior to the year 1930 and am familiar with the location of the said water main during a period commencing about 1923. When I was first employed by Stevenson Water Company about the year 1923 the water main above referred to extended across the properties of Lloyd T. Harshman, Skamania County and the Hugh B. Smith property in the same location as at the time it was covered by the backwater from the Columbia River as aforesaid. During the year 1929 or 1930 change in the location of said pipe line was made over the Floyd McKelvey property and I know that this was made by an agreement between Floyd McKelvey, the owner of said property, and the said Stevenson Water Company whereby a consideration of \$50.00 was then paid to said owner.

The Town of Stevenson has had peaceable possession of the right of way above described ever since it acquired ownership of the water system in 1930 and during all of said time has asserted full and complete right to the ownership and possession of said right of way and the said right has not been questioned or denied by any person whomsoever.

The above described pipe line was abandoned subsequent to the time it was covered by the backwater of the Columbia River as aforesaid and a new main in its place was laid along the right of way of the old State Highway No. 8. All of said work of removal was done under my supervision.

Bert Rynearson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of February, 1939.

(Notarial seal affixed)

Raymond C. Sly  
Notary Public for Washington residing  
at Stevenson therein.

Filed for record April 12, 1939 at 11-10 a.m. by U. S. Engineers.

*Mabel J. Case*  
Skamania County Auditor.

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Town of Stevenson to United States.

Office Chief of Engineers. Mar - 7 1939 6500 (Bonneville Dam) 1435/1.

Flowage Easement.

This Indenture, made this 20th day of June, 1938, between the Town of Stevenson, a municipal corporation, in the County of Skamania, State of Washington, hereinafter called the Grantor, and the United States of America, hereinafter called the Government, witnesseth:

That Whereas, the Government is constructing a dam across the Columbia River between the States of Oregon and Washington at Bonneville, Oregon, and upon the completion of said dam will operate and maintain a spillway, power house and ship lock; and

Whereas, under operating conditions, all lands abutting on either bank of said river from Bonneville to the Celilo Canal which are below the elevation of the backwater curve which begins at the dam at 72.0 feet above mean sea level (as determined by reference