

STATE OF WASHINGTON
SKAMANIA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Petitioner,

vs.

GENE E. STONE and JANICE E. STONE,
husband and wife; TIMBER COMMUNITY
BANK; and SKAMANIA COUNTY

Respondents.

NO. 08-2-00097-6

DECLARATION OF
CHRISTOPHER H. TAMS
IN SUPPORT OF STATE'S MOTION
FOR ORDER ADJUDICATING
PUBLIC USE AND NECESSITY

CHRISTOPHER H. TAMS, declares as follows:

1. I am the project engineer responsible for building the State Route 14/Marble Rd. Vicinity to Belle Center Rd. - Safety Project ("SR 14 Marble Rd. Project") for the Washington State Department of Transportation. I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify to the facts stated in this declaration. The statements in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge.

2. I have worked for the Department for nine years. I received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. I am a registered professional civil engineer in the State of Washington, having received my professional engineering license in June 2003.

3. The SR 14 Marble Rd. Project will improve safety and mobility on SR 14 by realigning several curves, improving a passing shoulder for slow-moving trucks and adding

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1 turn lanes. The benefits of the Project will include reducing accidents and allowing vehicles
2 to pass slow-moving trucks more easily on this section of SR 14.

3 4. The Department has completed preliminary right of way plan sheets that depict the
4 proposed alignment and additional property required to build and operate this project. A true and
5 correct copy of the right of way plan sheet, which encompasses the property owned by Mr. and
6 Mrs. Stone (Parcel # 4-07641), is attached as Exhibit 1 to this declaration.

7 5. As these plan sheets depict, the proposed alignment travels through the Stone
8 parcel between mileposts 24.10 and 24.60. To determine whether the proposed alignment is
9 feasible, the Department must gather data and information on the soil and groundwater conditions
10 and any historic, cultural, or archaeological resources. The Department requires the temporary
11 right to enter the Stone parcel and conduct these investigations for up to three years.

12 6. Without the results of these investigations, the project cannot be designed to meet
13 current design standards and cannot comply with applicable State and Federal requirements.

14 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the
15 foregoing is true and correct.

16 DATED this 22 day of May, 2008, at Vancouver, Washington.

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CHRISTOPHER H. TAMS



