

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

In the Matter of Permanent Adoption of Administrative Rules Relating to Open Meetings, Public Records, Financial Disclosure, Conflict of Interest, Public Contracts, Personal Service Contracts and Administrative Procedures)	STATUTORY AUTHORITY, STATEMENT OF NEED, PRINCIPAL DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
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SUMMARY OF RULES

The Columbia River Gorge Commission proposes to adopt rules following a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 1, 1987 at the Corbett Christian Center, 34390 NE Merston Rd., Corbett, Ore., at 9:30 a.m. on open meetings, public records, financial disclosure, conflict of interest, public contracts, personal service contracts and administrative procedures. These rules describe the Commission's operating procedures, as required by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-663.

STATEMENT OF NEED

The Commission needs rules to govern its operations. Because it is neither an Oregon nor a Washington state agency, it cannot simply rely upon the statutes of either state to govern its operations. The Commission needs its own set of operating rules. Section 5(b) of the Scenic Area Act requires the Commission to:

Adopt regulations relating to the administrative procedures, the making of contracts, conflicts-of-interest, financial disclosure, open meetings of the Commission, advisory committees, and disclosure of information consistent with the more restrictive statutory provisions of either state.

These rules are necessary to comply with the Act.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Section 5(b) of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-663, requires the Commission to adopt operating regulations. Section G of Article I of the Columbia River Gorge Compact, 1987 Washington Laws, Chapter 499 and 1987 Oregon Laws, Chapter 14, directs the Commission to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business. Adoption of these rules is consistent with these authorities.

These rules are based upon Oregon and Washington statutes regulating the subjects listed in the caption of this Notice. These statutes are available for public inspection in county courthouses and many public libraries.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

These rules will have little or no fiscal impact on units of local government, state agencies or the public. The rules will affect the operations of the Gorge Commission and should benefit the public and other units of government by assuring regular, open and predictable procedures by the Commission.

Dated October 20, 1987

On behalf of the Columbia River Gorge Commission:

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