



MEMORANDUM

February 11, 2025

TO: Gorge Commissioners

FROM: Jeff Litwak, Counsel

SUBJECT: Supplemental Staff Report for Appeal Hearing: *Friends, et al. v. Clark County & James D. Howsley*, CRGC No. COA-C-23-01
Continued Deliberation and Decision Scheduled for February 11, 2025, Gorge Commission Meeting

Action

On January 14, 2025, the Gorge Commission heard oral argument and began deliberation toward an oral decision in the appeal entitled *Friends of the Columbia Gorge, et al. v. Clark County & James D. Howsley*, CRGC No. COA-C-23-01. The Gorge Commission did not complete its deliberation and decision making and voted to continue its deliberation and decision to the February 11, 2025, Gorge Commission meeting.

Please review the supplemental instructions and reminders below.

Instructions and Reminders for the Continued Hearing

1. I advised you at the January 14, 2025, meeting not to discuss this case with each other or other persons. This is critically important. If you have questions about the case, you may continue to talk to me, but again, do not talk to each other or other persons.
2. You will need to update your disclosures of ex parte communications and conflicts of interest. Even if you have nothing new to disclose, I recommend you say so.
3. Commissioners Meninick and Mickley were not present on January 14, 2025. If they wish to participate in the continued hearing, they need to listen to or watch the video of the January 14, 2025, Gorge Commission meeting. For planning purposes, the length of the January portion of the hearing was approximately 4 1/2 hours.