

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Extension of Time) FINAL ORDER APPROVING AN
Application for Transfer Application) EXTENSION OF TIME
T-10707, Crook County, Oregon))

Authority

OAR 690-380-6020 establishes an application process and criteria for the review of extensions of time for the completion of changes authorized under water right transfers.

Applicant

OCHOCO LUMBER CO.
PO BOX 668
PRINEVILLE, OR 97754

Findings of Fact

1. On March 18, 2013, the Department received an application for extension of time for water right transfer T-10707 from Ochoco Lumber Co., the transfer applicant.
2. The Water Resources Department issued an order approving Transfer Application T-10707, in the name of Ochoco Lumber Co, on September 29, 2010. The order was recorded in Special Order Volume 81, at Page 1011. The order set a transfer completion date of October 1, 2015.
3. To date the applicant has been working with the City of Prineville to build infrastructure and attract developers. Progress toward establishment of quasi-municipal water use on the site has been stalled because of the financial recession, making it unlikely that the changes can be completed by October 1, 2015.
4. To fully complete the changes in compliance with the terms and conditions of the order, it will be necessary for the applicant to submit documentation that it qualifies as a quasi-municipal corporation, find developers, secure funding, drill a new well and improve infrastructure so as to make full beneficial use of the water.
5. The applicant has requested that the time for completion of beneficial use be extended to October 1, 2020.

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, you may petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

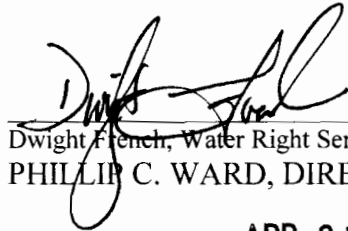
Conclusions of Law

Pursuant to OAR 690-380-6020, the Director of the Water Resources Department concludes the applicant has shown reasonable diligence to complete the transfer within the time period established by the order approving Transfer Application T-10707 and the requested time is reasonable.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

The time for completion of beneficial use authorized by T-10707 shall be extended to October 1, 2020.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 1 day of April, 2013.



Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for
PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

Mailing date: APR 05 2013