

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A
T-10438, Wasco County)	TEMPORARY CHANGE IN POINT OF
)	DIVERSION, ADDITIONAL POINT OF
)	DIVERSION, PLACE OF USE,
)	CHARACTER OF USE

Authority

ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to temporarily transfer the place of use and, if necessary to convey the water to the temporary place of use, the point of diversion authorized under an existing water right. OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

Applicant

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Findings of Fact

Background

1. On July 27, 2007, Jean Underhill Wilkinson filed an application to temporarily change the place of use under Certificate 5674 for a period of one year. The Department assigned the application number T-10438.
2. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 5674 in the name of WM. T. VANDERPOOL (confirmed by the Fifteen Mile Creek Decree)

Use: IRRIGATION of 40.68 ACRES

Priority Date: 1860

Limit/Duty: Not to exceed 3.0 acre-feet per acre during the irrigation season

Source: FIFTEEN MILE CREEK, tributary to COLUMBIA RIVER

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is an order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080, you may either 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.

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
1 S	13 E	WM	34	NW NE	9.90
1 S	13 E	WM	34	SW NE	22.14
1 S	13 E	WM	34	NE NW	1.40
1 S	13 E	WM	34	SE NW	7.24

3. Certificate 5674 does not describe the location of the points of diversion, however, information is available from Special Order Volume 10, Page 545 and Special Order Volume 13, Page 196 indicating that the points of diversion are located as follows:

Authorized Points of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Survey Coordinates
1 S	13 E	WM	34	SW NE	1350 FEET SOUTH AND 3270 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 34
1 S	13 E	WM	34	NE NW	1220 FEET SOUTH AND 2200 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 34
1 S	13 E	WM	34	SE NW	1620 FEET SOUTH AND 1440 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 34

4. Transfer Application T-10438 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
1 S	13 E	WM	34	NW NE	18.54
1 S	13 E	WM	34	NE NW	10.33
1 S	13 E	WM	34	SE NW	11.81

5. Notice of the application for temporary transfer was published on July 31, 2007, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
6. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right and there is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
7. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-10438.
8. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right if conditioned to not allow the use of the portion of the supplemental water right (evidenced by Certificate 55629) on the authorized place of use as described in Finding of Fact #2.
9. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights. This finding is made through an abbreviated review recognizing that the transfer may be revoked under ORS 540.523(6) if the Department later finds that the transfer is causing injury to any existing water right.


Conclusions of Law

The temporary change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-10438 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.523 and OAR 690-380-8000.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The temporary change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-10438 is approved.
2. The former place of use **shall not** be irrigated as part of this water right during the 2007 irrigation season.
3. The use shall revert to the authorized place of use at the end of the 2007 irrigation season.
4. The approval of this temporary transfer may be revoked or modified if the Department finds the change causes injury to any existing water right.
5. A subsequent application for permanent transfer of Certificate 5674 shall be subject to a full and complete review to determine consistency with the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 380. Approval of this temporary transfer does not establish a precedent for approval of a subsequent application filed for a permanent transfer.
6. The use of water at the temporary place of use authorized by this transfer shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Certificate 5674.
7. The time during which water is used under this approved temporary transfer does not apply toward a finding of forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
8. Pursuant to ORS 690-380-8020, the former place of use (as listed in Finding of Fact #2) **shall not** be irrigated as part of Certificate 55629 during the 2007 irrigation season.
9. When required by the Department, the water user shall install, maintain and operate an in-line flow meter, weir, or other suitable device for measuring and recording the quantity of water diverted. The type and plans of the measuring device must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department.
10. When required by the Department, the water user shall install, maintain and operate a headgate to control and regulate the quantity of water diverted. The type and plans of the headgate must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department.
11. The use of the remaining water right described by Certificate 5674 shall continue to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Certificate 5674.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 30 day of August, 2007.


for Phillip C. Ward, Director

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