# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A
T-11520, Deschutes County	)	CHANGE IN POINT OF
•	)	APPROPRIATION AND PLACE OF
	)	USE AND CANCELLATION OF A
	)	WATER RIGHT

# **Authority**

ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, place of use, or character of use 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.

ORS 540.621 establishes the process for the owner of land to which a water right is appurtenant to certify under oath that the water right, or a portion thereof, has been abandoned and to voluntarily request that it be cancelled.

## **Applicant**

DUTCH PACIFIC PROPERTIES INC. PO BOX 3500 SISTERS, OR 97759

# **Receiving Landowner**

JOHN ZICKER 16025 FOOTHILL LANE SISTERS, OR 97759

## **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On January 3, 2013, DUTCH PACIFIC PROPERTIES INC. filed an application to change the point of appropriation and to change the place of use under Certificate 85693. The Department assigned the application number T-11520.
- 2. John Zicker is the receiving landowner who will be responsible for completion of the changes.
- 3. Notice of the application for transfer was published on January 15, 2013, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 4. Transfer Application T-11519 was filed January 3, 2013, by Dutch Pacific Properties Inc. This transfer modifies the same right proposed in T-11520. Certificate 85693 shall be canceled after both transfer applications are processed.

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.

- 5. On December 11, 2013, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11520 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of January 15, 2014, for the applicant to respond. The applicant requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer.
- 6. On March 17, 2014, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11520 and sent a copy to the applicant. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published on the Department's weekly notice on March 18, 2014, and in The Bend Bulletin newspaper on March 21, and 28, 2014, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4020. No protests were filed in response to the notice.
- 7. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 85693 in the name of DUTCH PACIFIC PROPERTIES INC. (perfected

under Permit G-13492)

Use: IRRIGATION of 1.8 ACRES

Priority Date: MARCH 18, 1998

Rate: 0.022 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

**Limit/Duty:** The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 3 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation

season of each year.

**Source:** A WELL within the WHYCHUS CREEK BASIN

#### **Authorized Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
14 S	10 E	WM	34	NW NW	WELL 1: 326 FEET NORTH AND 180 FEET WEST FROM THE C1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 4

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

		IRRIGA	ATION		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
14 S	10 E	WM	34	SE NW	1.8

8. Transfer Application T-11520 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation approximately 1.3 miles from the existing point of appropriation to:

[	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
	14 S	10 E	WM	34	NW NW	WELL 2: 879 FEET SOUTH AND 403 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER, SECTION 4

9. Transfer Application T-11520 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

		IRRIG	ATION		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
14 S	10 E	WM	34	NW NW	1.8

# Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 10. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 11. 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-11520.
- 12. The proposed changes would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 13. The proposed changes would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 14. All other application requirements are met.

# Cancellation of a Water Right

On January 3, 2013, an affidavit certifying that an entire water right has been abandoned and requesting cancellation of the right was received from Shane Lundgren. The right to be cancelled is as follows:

Certificate:

50477 in the name of S. S. JOHNSON COMPANY (confirmed by Squaw

Creek [Whychus Creek], 1914 decree)

Use:

**IRRIGATION of 0.12 ACRE** 

**Priority Date: 1885** 

Rate:

0.002 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Source:

SQUAW CREEK, tributary to the DESCHUTES RIVER

#### **Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	10 E	WM	9	NW SW	SMITH DITCH

#### Authorized Place of Use to be Cancelled:

		IRRIG	ATION		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
15 S	10 E	WM	4	SE NW	0.12

#### **Conclusions of Law**

The change in point of appropriation and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11520 are consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000 and the abandoned right should be cancelled.

#### Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The change in point of appropriation and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11520 are approved. Water right certificate 50477 is cancelled.
- 2. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described, and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 85693 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right certificate 85693 is canceled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
- 4. The quantity of water diverted at the new point of appropriation shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation.
- 5. Water use measurement conditions:
  - a. Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device, at each new point of appropriation.
  - b. The water user shall maintain the meter or measuring devices in good working order.
  - c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meter or measuring devices; provided however, where the meter or measuring devices are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- 6. Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.
- 7. The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.
- 8. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2015**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the receiving landowner to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the changes and full beneficial use of the water.

transferred will be issued.
Dated at Salem, Oregon this day of May, 2014.
Dwill that
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR
PHILLIP (d. WARD, DIRECTOR
Mailing Date:
Maning Date.

9. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right