

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

In the Matter of Application for Extension    )    FINAL ORDER APPROVING AN  
of Time for Transfer of Water Right         )    EXTENSION OF TIME  
T-8855, Umatilla County, Oregon            )

**Applicant**

Sam Lefore, Jr.  
54103 Lefore Road  
Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

**Findings of Fact**

1. On April 29, 2010, the Department received an application for extension of time for transfer of water right T-8855 from Sam Lefore, Jr.
2. The Water Resources Department issued an order approving Transfer Application T-8855 in the name of Sam Lefore, Jr., on May 31, 2003. The order was recorded in Special Order Volume 57, at Page 884. The order set a transfer completion date of October 1, 2004.
3. The applicant has made the change in point of appropriation and applied the water to beneficial use prior to October 1, 2004, however it is unknown whether the requirement to install a flowmeter was completed prior to October 1, 2004. The current flowmeter was installed in 2007 and it is not known whether another flowmeter had been installed prior to October 1, 2004.
4. Therefore, full completion of the changes within the terms and conditions of the order was not accomplished within the time prescribed in the order. An extension of the time to complete the project is necessary for the applicant to gain authorization for apparently late installation of the flowmeter, so that it is clear that ALL terms and conditions of the order have been met within the time allowed.
5. The applicant has requested that the time for completion of the changes be extended to October 1, 2007.

This is a final order in other than 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.

**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-8855.

**Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:**

The time for completion of beneficial use authorized by T-8855 shall be extended to October 1, 2007.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 7 day of May, 2010

  
Phillip C. Ward, Director

Mailing date: MAY 18 2010