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-7044, Umatilla 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 CITY OF ECHO PO BOX 9 ECHO, OR 97826 Receiving Landowner

Findings of Fact

Background

- 1. On April 25, 2012, the Department received an application for extension of time for water right transfer T-7044 from the CITY OF ECHO, the applicant.
- 2. The Water Resources Department issued an order approving Transfer Application T-7044, in the name of City of Echo, on August 8, 1997. The order was recorded in Special Order Volume 51, at Pages 918-920. The order set a transfer completion date of October 1, 1998.
- 3. The Water Resources Department issued an order approving an extension of time dated November 4, 1998. The order was recorded in Special Order Volume 52, at Page 941. The order set a transfer completion date of October 1, 2003.
- 4. Since the extension of time, the applicant has installed a flow meter on Well #5 and used 0.59 cfs for municipal purposes from Well #5, but has been unable to fully complete the changes and use the full 0.89 cfs by the deadline because Well #3 is currently inoperable.
- 5. To fully complete the changes, it will be necessary for the applicant to upgrade the Well #5 pump capacity to utilize the additional 0.3 cfs. The City is completing a Water System Master Plan to define necessary improvements to the water system, so that it will run more efficiently.

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.

6. The applicant has requested that the time for completion of beneficial use be extended to October 1, 2032, to allow for making the necessary improvements to the water system and increasing the pumping capacity to the full 0.89 cfs as future growth occurs.

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-7044 and the requested time is reasonable, considering that this is a municipal system.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

The time for completion of beneficial use authorized by T-7044 shall be extended to October 1, 2032.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this **26** day of April, 2012.

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for

PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

Mailing date: MAY 0 3 2012