

Water Resources Department

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VIA E-MAIL

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

SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-11519

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-11519. This document is an intermediate step in the approval process; water may not be used legally as proposed in the transfer application until a Final Order has been issued by the Department. Please read this entire letter carefully to determine your responsibility for additional action.

A public notice is being published in the Department's weekly publication and in the Bend Bulletin newspaper, simultaneously with issuance of the Preliminary Determination. The notice initiates a period in which any person may file either a protest opposing the decision proposed by the Department in the Preliminary Determination or a standing statement supporting the Department's decision. The protest period will end 30 days after the Department's notice or 30 days after the last date of newspaper publication, whichever is later.

If no protest is filed, the Department will issue a Final Order consistent with the Preliminary Determination. You should receive a copy of the Final Order about 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If a protest is filed, the application may be referred to a contested case proceeding. A contested case provides an opportunity for the proponents and opponents of the decision proposed in the Preliminary Determination to present information and arguments supporting their position in a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at Tracy.L.Fox@wrd.state.or.us or 503 986-0827 if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tracy Fox Transfer Specialist

Transfer and Conservation Section

cc:

T-11519

Jeremy T. Giffin, District 11 Watermaster (via e-mail)
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William Smith Properties, Receiving Landowner (via e-mail)

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BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-11519, Deschutes County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
)	CHANGE IN POINT OF
)	APPROPRIATION AND PLACE 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 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.

Applicant

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

Receiving Landowner

WILLIAM SMITH PROPERTIES 15 SW COLORADO, SUITE 1 BEND, OR 97702

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-11519.
- 2. William Smith Properties 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-11520 was filed January 3, 2013, by Dutch Pacific Properties Inc. This transfer modifies the same right proposed in T-11519. Certificate 85693 shall be canceled after both transfer applications are processed.
- 5. On December 11, 2013, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11519 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.

Pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, any person may file a protest or standing statement within 30 days after the last date of publication of notice of this preliminary determination.

6. 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 2.7 ACRES

Priority Date: MARCH 18, 1998

Rate: 0.034 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
15 S	10 E	WM	4	SE NW	WELL 1- 326 FEET NORTH AND 180 FEET WEST FROM THE C1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 4

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres		
15 S	10 E	WM	4	SE NW	2.7		

7. Transfer Application T-11519 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation approximately 1.85 miles from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	10 E	WM	15	NE NW	WELL 2 - 80 FEET SOUTH AND 180 FEET WEST FROM THE N1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 15

8. Transfer Application T-11519 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres			
15 S	10 E	WM	15	NE NW	2.7			

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 9. 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.
- 10. 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-11519.
- 11. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.

- 12. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 13. All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in point of appropriation and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11519 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-11519 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in point of appropriation and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11519 are approved.
- 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 modified and will be canceled upon approval or denial of T-11520. 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, together with that diverted at the original 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.

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

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 14 day of March 2014.

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for

PHILLIP C WARD, DIRECTOR

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Tracy Fox. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503 986-0827 or Tracy.L.Fox@wrd.state.or.us.

Protests should be addressed to the Water Rights Division, Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Suite A, Salem, OR 97301-1266.