Oregon Water Resources Department

Water Right Services Division

Application for Extension of Time

In the Matter of the Application for an Extension of Time for Permit G-17294, Water Right Application G-16359, in the name of Les Peterson)			FINAL ORDER	
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	Application:	G-16359		
	Permit:	G-17294		
	Basin:	7 – Umatilla / Watermaster District 5		
	Date of Priority:	December 30, 2004		
	Source of Water:	Three wells in Birch Creek Basin		
	Purpose or Use:	Irrigation of 350.0 acres		
	Maximum Rate:	4.38 cubic feet per second (cfs)		

This Extension of Time request is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 537.630 and 539.010(5), and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 690, Division 315

Appeal Rights

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.

Application History

Permit G-17294 was issued by the Department on August 25, 2014. The permit specified completion of construction and complete application of water to beneficial use by April 22, 2016. On October 17, 2016, Les Peterson submitted to the Department an Application for Extension of Time for Permit G-17294. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on May 2, 2017, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to deny an extension of the time to complete construction to October 1, 2026, and an extension of the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2026. The protest period closed June 16, 2017, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). On June 16, 2017, the permit Holder, Les Peterson, filed a timely protest. On October 17, 2025, Les Peterson withdrew the protest submitted June 16, 2017.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department adopts and incorporates by reference the findings of fact in the Proposed Final Order dated May 2, 2017.

At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, any comments received, and information within the file, the permit may not be extended.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The applicant has not demonstrated good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.630, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0040(2).

ORDER

The extension of time for Application G-16359, Permit G-17294, therefore, is denied.

DATED: November 21, 2025

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Water Right Services Division Administrator, for

Ivan Gall, Director

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