

Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Rights Division

Water Rights Application
Number G-13265

Final Order
Extension of Time for Permit Number G-11923

Appeal Rights

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.

Application History

The Department issued Permit G-11923 on December 20, 1994. The permit called for completion of construction by October 1, 1996, and complete application of water to beneficial use by October 1, 1997. On October 31, 2007, The Stepping Stones Nursery USA, Inc. submitted an application to the Department for an extension of time for Permit G-11923. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on March 25, 2008, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to complete construction to October 1, 2010 and the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2010. The protest period closed May 9, 2008, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, the permit may be extended subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS

1. Checkpoint Condition

The permit holder must submit a completed Diligence Progress Report to the Department by **October 1, 2009**. *A form will be enclosed with your Final Order.*

- (a) At each checkpoint, the permit holder shall submit and the Department shall review evidence of the permit holder's diligence towards completion of the

project and compliance with terms and conditions of the permit and extension. If, after this review, the Department determines the permit holder has not been diligent in developing and perfecting the water use permit, or complied with all terms and conditions, the Department shall modify or further condition the permit or extension to ensure future compliance, or begin cancellation proceedings on the undeveloped portion of the permit pursuant to ORS 537.260 or 537.410, or require submission of a final proof survey pursuant to ORS 537.250;

- (b) The Department shall provide notice of receipt of progress reports in its weekly notice and shall allow a 30 day comment period for each report. The Department shall provide notice of its determination to anyone who submitted comments.

The applicant has 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-13265, Permit G-11923, therefore, is approved subject to conditions contained herein. The deadline for completing construction is extended to October 1, 2010. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use is extended to October 1, 2010.

DATED: May 23, 2008



Dwight French, Administrator of
Water Rights and Adjudications
for
Phillip C. Ward, Director

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