

**Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement
Extension of Time for Permit Number G-12454**

Application History

The Department issued permit number G-12454 on July 31, 1996. The permit called for completion of construction by October 1, 1997, and complete application of water to beneficial use by October 1, 2000. On January 17, 2002, Walt Hammerich submitted an application to the Department for an extension of time for permit number G-12454. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on November 30, 2004, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 15, 2005, subject to conditions. The protest period closed January 14, 2005, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). A protest was filed by Walt and Nancy Hammerich.

As a result of settlement negotiations, the Department has determined that the time to fully apply water to beneficial use should be extended to October 1, 2006.

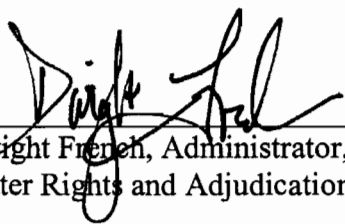
At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, the permit may be extended subject to the following conditions:

1. Effective March 1, 2006, ground water use under this permit can occur only when:
 - a. Use is consistent with a critical ground water area order that has been issued by the Oregon Water Resources Department; or
 - b. Unless use is made consistent with a critical ground water area order, use occurs only when the ground water elevation at Bonanza Big Springs Park well KLAM 50318 (well tag number 101119) as constructed in June 1996 is greater than or equal to 0.50 feet higher than the Lost River surface water elevation as measured at the stilling well at Bonanza Big Springs Park; or
 - c. Unless use is made consistent with a critical ground water area order, the Department, using available data, shows ground water use does not reduce Bonanza Big Springs flow.
2. Any use of water under the terms and conditions of this permit shall continue to be subject to regulation in favor of senior surface or ground water rights.

The applicant has demonstrated good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.630, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0040(2). A Settlement Agreement was signed by all parties as of May 17, 2006. The Settlement Agreement is incorporated into this Final Order and is attached hereto.

Order

The extension of time for Application Number G-12877, Permit Number G-12454, therefore, is approved as conditioned herein. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use is extended to October 1, 2006.



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NOTE: *Include a copy of the "Important Notice" document along with the original copy of the Final Order being sent to the permit holder.*

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Permit #G-12454

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