Oregon Water Resources Department Water Rights Division

Water Rights Application Number G-16025

Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement

Hearing and Appeal Rights

Under the provisions of ORS 537.170 and ORS 537.622, the applicant may request a contested case hearing by submitting the information required for a protest under ORS 537.153(6) or ORS 537.621(7) to the Department within 14 days after the date of mailing of this order as shown below. If a contested case hearing is requested, the Department must schedule one. In the contested case hearing, however, only those issues based on the modifications to the proposed final order may be addressed.

ORS 536.075 allows for additional appeal rights for other than contested case. 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.

This statement of judicial review rights does not create a right to judicial review of this order, if judicial review is otherwise precluded by law. Where no changes have been made to a Proposed Final Order on a water right application and no protests have been filed during the protest period, the final order is not subject to judicial review.

Application History

On June 4, 2003, Robert Kuenzi submitted an application to the Department for a water use permit. The Department issued a Proposed Final Order on December 2, 2003, recommending the application be denied.

On January 13, 2004, a timely protest was filed by the applicant.

A Settlement Agreement was signed by all parties as of April 4, 2009. The terms of the Settlement Agreement have been incorporated into this Final Order and a copy of the Settlement Agreement is included below.

The proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest. The Protestant and the Department have agreed to permit conditions set forth in the draft permit.

Order

Application G-16025 is therefore approved with modifications to the Proposed Final Order, and Permit G-16486 is issued as limited by the conditions set forth therein.

DATED MAY 7, 2009

for Phillip C. Ward, Director Water Resources Department

This document was prepared by Joel Plahn. If you have any questions about any of the statements contained in this document I am most likely the best person to answer your questions. You can reach me at 503-986-0815.

If you have previously filed a protest and want to know its status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-986-0820.

If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801.

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BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Water Right Application)		RECEIVED
G-16025 in the name of Robert E. Kuenzi)	SETTLEMENT	APR 08 2009
Applicant/ Protestant))	AGREEMENT	WATER RESOURCES DEPT SALEM, OREGON

The Oregon Water Resources Department (Department) and Robert E. Kuenzi (collectively "the parties") do hereby stipulate and agree in this "Settlement Agreement" (Agreement) as follows:

A. Background

- 1. On June 4, 2003, Robert E. Kuenzi submitted an application to the Department for a water use permit for 0.36 cubic foot per second (CFS) for irrigation use on 8.8 acres, supplemental irrigation use on 20.2 acres from a well in Pudding River Basin, Marion County within Section 7 and Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 1 West, W.M.
- 2. On October 10, 2003, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, which determined that the use of 0.36 cubic foot per second of water from a well in Pudding River Basin for irrigation use on 8.8 acres and supplemental irrigation use on 20.2 acres is not allowable. The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.
- 3. On December 2, 2003, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order recommending denial of the application. The applicant filed a timely protest.
- 4. On December 3, 2004, Robert E. Kuenzi requested that his application be amended to limit the duty to 6 acre feet per year (0.3 acre feet/acre).
- 5. On May 28, 2008, the Department approved Robert E. Kuenzi's request for a reduced volume of water after review of additional water level data in the area.
- 6. OWRD and Robert E. Kuenzi agree that all issues related to Application G-16025 are resolved solely on the following terms.

B. Consent

- 1. Robert E. Kuenzi hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands the terms of this Agreement, and the terms of the Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement and Draft Permit for Application G-16025 which are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 2. Robert E. Kuenzi understands and agrees that this Agreement and all documents incorporated by reference set forth the entire Agreement of the parties.

- 3. Robert E. Kuenzi understands and agrees that this Agreement and the Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement and Permit issued pursuant to this Agreement constitutes the complete and final resolution of the Protest to the Proposed Final Order on Application G-16025.
- 4. Effective upon the issuance by OWRD of the Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement and Permit Robert E. Kuenzi waives any and all rights to petition for judicial review of this Agreement, waives any and all rights to request reconsideration, petition for judicial review or appeal the Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement for Application G-16025 issued by OWRD.

C. Terms of the Agreement

- 1. Within 30 days of the signing of this Agreement by all parties and after payment of the permit recording fee of \$300.00 by Robert E. Kuenzi, the OWRD shall issue a Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement consistent with this Agreement and will issue a Permit consistent with the attached draft Permit.
- 2. Each Party to this Settlement Agreement represents, warrants, and agrees that the person who executed this Agreement on its behalf has the full right and authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of that Party and bind that Party to the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
- 3. Each Party to this Settlement Agreement certifies that it has had a reasonable opportunity to review and request changes to the Settlement Agreement, and that it has signed this Settlement Agreement of its own free will and accord.
- 4. Each Party to this Settlement Agreement certifies that it has read the entire Settlement Agreement, including the draft Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement and draft Permit, and understands and agrees with the contents thereof.
- 5. The Parties agree that nothing in this Settlement Agreement establishes factual, legal, or policy precedent.

March 12, 2009

6. This Settlement Agreement may be signed in counterparts.

Dwight French, Administrator,

Water Rights and Adjudications Division

for

Phillip C. Ward, Director

Oregon Water Resources Department

Robert E. Kuenzi

4-4-09 Date

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