

**Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Rights/Adjudications Division**

Water Rights Application
Number G-12677

Superseding Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement

Hearing and Appeal Rights

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A Settlement Agreement was signed by all parties as of August 18, 2010. The terms of the Settlement Agreement have been incorporated into this Final Order and a copy of the Settlement Agreement is included below.

On September 16, 2010, the Department issued a Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement and Permit G-16727. Permit G-16727 requires modification to accurately describe the location of the points of diversion.

Findings of Fact

Upon further review, the Department found the application was erroneously reviewed under OAR 690-502-0040(1), which limits the season of use based on classification. Under ORS 536.031, the Department may only apply rules that have been in effect as of the date an application is accepted. Application G-12678 was accepted October 3, 1991, which was prior to the time when OAR 690-502-0040(1) was adopted. Therefore, the determination that water may only be appropriated September 1 through June 30 is in error. The correct season of use is year-round.

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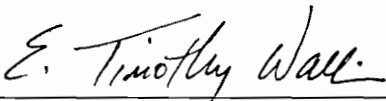
Order

The September 16, 2010 Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement issued for Application G-12677 is superseded by this instrument and is of no further force or effect.

Application G-12677 is therefore approved pursuant as proposed by the Proposed Final Order further modified by the Settlement Agreement, and Permit G-16805 is issued as limited by the conditions proposed by the Proposed Final Order and Settlement Agreement.

Permit G-16805 is issued to supersede Permit G-16727. Permit G-16727 is of no further force or effect.

DATED October 28, 2010



for Phillip C. Ward, Director
Water Resources Department

This document was prepared by Kerry Kavanagh. 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 503-986-0816.

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BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

RECEIVED

In the Matter of Water Right Applications)
G-12672, G-12677 and G-12678 in the name)
of Morse Bros., Inc.)
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Applicant/ Protestant)
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SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

AUG 19 2010
WATER RESOURCES DEPT
SALEM, OREGON

The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) and Morse Bros., Inc.(Applicant) and collectively ("the parties") do hereby stipulate and agree in this "Settlement Agreement" (Agreement) as follows:

A. Background

1. On October 3, 1991, the applicant submitted three applications for permits to use ground water.
2. On December 19, 1995 OWRD issued a Proposed Final Order on G-12677 and G-12678. On January 9, 1996, OWRD issued a Proposed Final Order on G-12672.
3. On January 2, 1996 the applicant filed a protest to the Proposed Final Orders on G-12677 and G-12678. On January 12, 1996, the applicant filed a protest to the Proposed Final Order on G-12672.
4. OWRD and the Applicant agree that all issues related to Applications G-12672, G-12677 and G-12678 are resolved solely on the following terms.

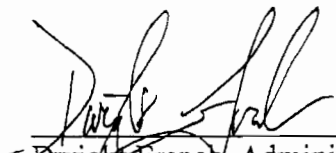
B. Consent

1. The Applicant hereby acknowledges that it has read and understands the terms of this Agreement, and the terms of each draft Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement and each draft permit for Application G-12672, G-12677 and G-12678 which are hereby incorporated by reference.
2. The Applicant understands and agrees that this Agreement and all documents incorporated by reference set forth the entire Agreement of the parties.
3. The Applicant understands and agrees that this Agreement and each of the Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreements and permits issued pursuant to this Agreement constitute the complete and final resolution of the protests on the Proposed Final Order for G-12672, G-12677 and G-12678.
4. Effective upon the issuance by OWRD of the Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement and permit the Applicant 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 each of the Final Orders Incorporating Settlement Agreement and permits for Application G-12672, G-12677 and G-12678.

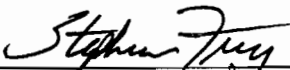
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1. Within 60 days of the signing of this Agreement by all parties, the OWRD shall issue a Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement and permit consistent with the attached draft permit for each application G-12672, G-12677 and G-12678.
2. Each 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.
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5. The parties agree that nothing in this Settlement Agreement establishes factual, legal, or policy precedent.
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

6-10-10
Date



Morse Bros., Inc. *ABA KNIFE RIVER*

8/18/2010
Date

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Draft Final Order Incorporating Settlement Agreement

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The proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

Order

Application G-12677 is therefore approved with these modifications to the Proposed Final Order. Upon meeting the "Terms of Agreement" as described in the attached Settlement Agreement, a permit shall be issued authorizing the proposed water use.

Failure to meet this requirement within 60 days from the date of this Final Order may result in the proposed rejection of the application.

If you need to request additional time, your written request should be received in the Salem office of the Department within 60 days of this Final Order. The Department will evaluate the request and determine whether or not the request may be approved.

DATED

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for Phillip C. Ward, Director
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This is not a permit.

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STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF BENTON

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

MORSE BROTHERS, INC.
32260 HWY 34
TANGENT, OREGON 97389

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-12677

SOURCE OF WATER: THREE SUMPS AND A WELL

PURPOSE OR USE: INDUSTRIAL USE

RATE OF USE: 3.92 CFS, (1760 GPM), BEING 1.56 CFS FROM SUMP 1, 2.0 CFS FROM SUMP 2, 0.18 CFS FROM SUMP 3, AND 0.18 CFS GPM FROM WELL

PERIOD OF ALLOWED USE: YEAR-ROUND

DATE OF PRIORITY: OCTOBER 3, 1991

POINTS OF APPROPRIATION LOCATIONS:

SUMP #1 & #2 - NW 1/4 SE 1/4, T 12 S, R 5 W, W.M.; 540 FEET SOUTH AND 160 FEET EAST OF C 1/4 OF SECTION 1

SUMP #3 - NW 1/4 SE 1/4, T 12 S, R 5 W, W.M.; 650 FEET SOUTH AND 60 FEET EAST OF C 1/4 OF SECTION 1

WELL #1 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4, T 12 S, R 5 W, W.M.; 750 FEET NORTH AND 440 FEET EAST OF C 1/4 OF SECTION 1

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

NW 1/4 NE 1/4
SW 1/4 NE 1/4
NE 1/4 NW 1/4
NW 1/4 NW 1/4
SW 1/4 NW 1/4
SE 1/4 NW 1/4
SECTION 1

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, W.M.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS (CONTINUED):

NE 1/4 SW 1/4
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SE 1/4 SW 1/4
NW 1/4 SE 1/4
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SECTION 1

NE 1/4 NE 1/4
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SECTION 12

NE 1/4 NW 1/4
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NW 1/4 SW 1/4
NE 1/4 SW 1/4
SECTION 13

SE 1/4 NE 1/4
SECTION 14

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, W.M.

SW 1/4 SW 1/4
SECTION 6

NW 1/4 NW 1/4
SECTION 7

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, W.M.

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The water user shall install and maintain adequate treatment facilities meeting current DEQ requirements to remove sediment before returning the water to the stream.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.

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The well(s) shall be constructed in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine water level elevation in the well at all times.

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Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit to the Water Resources Department the results of a pump test meeting the Department's standards for each point of appropriation (well), unless an exemption has been obtained in writing under OAR 690-217. The Director may require water-level or pump-test data every ten years thereafter.

This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.

By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.

Actual construction of the well shall begin within one year of permit issuance. Completion application of the water shall be made within five years of the date of permit issuance. If beneficial use of permitted water has not been made before this date, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after making beneficial use of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

Issued

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for Phillip C. Ward, Director
Water Resources Department

