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March 25, 2011

DOUGLAS AND DEBORAH ADKINS
SPLENDOR RIDGE INC
9338 HILL RD
KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97603

Reference: File G-17319

Dear Applicant:

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE NEXT PHASE OF PROCESSING.

This letter is to inform you of the preliminary analysis of your water use permit application and to describe your options. In determining whether a water use permit application may be approved, the Department must consider the factors listed below, all of which must be favorable to the proposed use if it is to be allowed. Based on the information you have supplied, the Water Resources Department has made the following preliminary determinations:

Initial Review Determinations:

1. The application proposed the appropriation of 1.62 cubic feet per second (CFS) of water from Existing Well 1 and Proposed Well 2 in Nuss Lake Basin for supplemental irrigation of 129.7 acres April 15 through October 15 of each year.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. Under ORS 536.340(1)(a), the Water Resources Commission may establish a basin program to classify sources of water supply as to the highest and best use and quantities of use, and that classification of sources of water supply has the effect of restricting the use and quantities of use thereof to the uses and quantities of uses specified in the classification. The Commission has not established a basin program for the Klamath River basin. Therefore, neither the proposed use nor the quantity of water is restricted as a result of this consideration.
4. If properly conditioned, the proposed use of ground water will avoid injury to existing ground water rights and the resource.

The Department has determined, based upon OAR 690-009, that the proposed ground water use will not have the potential for substantial interference with any surface water source.

5. The Department is unable to determine if Existing Well 1 meets current minimum well construction standards. Prior to the issuance of a permit, evidence demonstrating compliance with well construction standards must be submitted to the Department, and

the Department's Enforcement Section must approve the well construction. In repairing the well(s), you should work closely with the Department and/or a licensed well constructor to ensure that repairs are carried out in a manner that will not violate well construction or other rules. You are encouraged to contact Kris Byrd of the Department's Enforcement Section at 503-986-0851 to determine how to proceed.

Please note that repair of the well(s) will not necessarily overcome the potential for substantial interference with surface water and might not result in the issuance of a permit.

Please also note that regardless of the outcome of this application, you will need to work with the Department to either repair or abandon the well(s) to comply with the minimum standards for the construction, conversion, alteration, maintenance, and abandonment of water supply wells in order to protect the state's ground water supply (OAR 690-200).

Summary of Initial Determinations

The appropriation of 1.62 CFS from Existing Well 1 and Proposed Well 2 in Nuss Lake Basin for supplemental irrigation of 129.7 acres April 15 through October 15 of each year is allowable, contingent upon the submittal of evidence demonstrating compliance with current minimum well construction standards for Existing Well 1.

Because of these favorable determinations, the Department can now move your application to the next phase of the water-rights application review process, where public interest factors will be evaluated.

Please reference the application number when sending any correspondence regarding the conclusions of this initial review. Comments received within the comment period will be evaluated at the next phase of the process.

To Proceed With Your Application:

If you choose to proceed with your application, you do not have to notify the Department. Your application will automatically be placed on the Department's Public Notice to allow others the opportunity to comment. After the comment period the Department will complete a public interest review and issue a Proposed Final Order.

Withdrawal Refunds:

If you choose not to proceed, you may withdraw your application and receive a refund (minus a \$200 processing charge per application). To accomplish this you must notify the Department in writing by **Friday, April 8, 2011**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

If A Permit Is Issued It Will Likely Include The Following Conditions:

1. Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:
 - A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.

- B. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the amount of water diverted each month, and shall submit a report which includes the recorded report water-use measurements to the Department annually or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
 - C. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where any meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
 - D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.
2. Dedicated Measuring Tube: Wells with pumps shall be equipped with an unobstructed, dedicated measuring tube pursuant to figure 200-5 in OAR 690-200.
 3. The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The first annual measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

All measurements shall be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board. Measurements shall be submitted on forms provided by, or specified by, the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well log ID; and
- B. Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method of measurement; and
- D. Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

The water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s) if any of the following events occur:

- A. Annual water-level measurements reveal an average water-level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- B. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 15 or more; or

- C. Hydraulic interference leads to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority.

The period of restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or the Department determines, based on the permittee's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit. If more than one well is involved, the water user may submit an alternative measurement and reporting plan for review and approval by the Department.

4. Groundwater production shall occur from the predominantly basalt unit below the predominantly basin-fill unit by casing and sealing through the basin-fill unit into the basalt unit.
5. Prior to using water from any well listed on this permit, the permittee shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.

The water source identified in your application may be affected by an Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. These plans are developed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) with the cooperation of local landowners and other interested stakeholders, and help to ensure that current and new appropriations of water are done in a way that does not adversely harm the environment. You are encouraged to explore ODA's Water Quality Program web site at http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/NRD/water_agplans.shtml to learn more about the plans and how they may affect your proposed water use.

If you have any questions:

Feel free to call me at 503-986-0859 if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or your application. Please have your application number available if you call. General questions about water rights and water use permits should be directed to our customer service staff at 503-986-0801. When corresponding by mail, please use this address: Jeana Eastman, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,



Jeana Eastman
Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: G-17319

Applicant: DOUGLAS AND DEBORAH, ADKINS SPLENDOR RIDGE INC

County: Klamath

Watermaster: 17

Priority Date: March 22, 2010

Source: EXISTING WELL 1 AND PROPOSED WELL 2 IN NUSS LAKE BASIN

Use: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 129.7 ACRES

Quantity: 1.62 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Klamath, #14

Stream Index Reference: Volume 2 LOST R

Point of Diversion or Well Location(s):

EXISTING WELL 1: SWNE, SECTION 33, T39S, R10E, W.M.;2090 FEET SOUTH
AND 1880 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 33

PROPOSED WELL 2: NENW, SECTION 33, T39S, R10E, W.M.;470 FEET SOUTH
AND 2730 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 33

Place of Use:

NW ¼ NE ¼ 21.7 ACRES
SW ¼ NE ¼ 16.0 ACRES
NE ¼ NW ¼ 35.4 ACRES
NW ¼ NW ¼ 30.7 ACRES
SE ¼ NW ¼ 15.1 ACRES
NE ¼ SW ¼ 1.4 ACRES
NW ¼ SE ¼ 9.4 ACRES

SECTION 33

TOWNSHIP 39 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST, W.M.

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, April 8, 2011

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 2011

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, April 28, 2011

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #G-17319

IR Date: March 25, 2011

Original mailed to applicant:

DOUGLAS AND DEBORAH ADKINS SPLENDOR RIDGE INC, 9338 HILL RD, KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97603

Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File # G-17319
2. WRD - Water Availability: Ken Stahr
3. WRD - SC Regional Well Inspector

<p>Copies Mailed By: _____ (SUPPORT STAFF) on: _____ (DATE)</p>

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

3. WRD - Watermaster # 17
4. ODFW - Bill Tinniswood - PLEASE MAIL HARD COPY
5. DEQ - Eric Nigg - PLEASE MAIL HARD COPY

Copies sent to Other Interested Persons (*CWRE, Agent, Well Driller, Commenter, etc.*)

1. Hanson, Andrew

Adkins Consulting Engineers, Inc, 2950 Shasta Way, Klamath Falls OR 97603

Caseworker: Jeana Eastman

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REMINDER: Copy **all** IR's for uses in the Klamath Basin to DEQ and ODFW contacts, regardless of whether they are subject to Division 33. (If they are not subject to Division 33, do not include Division 33 forms.)