# **Oregon Water Resources Department**

Water Right Services Division

Water Rights Application Number G-16302

# Final Order

Extension of Time for Permit Number G-15927 Permit Holder: City of Harrisburg

#### **Permit Information**

## Application File G-16302/ Permit G-15927

Basin 2 – Willamette Basin / Watermaster District 2 Date of Priority: August 19, 2004

#### Authorized Use of Water

Source of Water:

Wells 6 and 7 within the Willamette River Basin

Purpose or Use:

Municipal

Maximum Rate:

1.11 Cubic Feet per Second (CFS)

#### Appeal Rights

This is a final order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. A request 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 file 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

Permit G-15927 was issued by the Department on June 16, 2005. Permit G-15927 authorizes the use of 1.11 cfs of water for municipal purposes, of which 0.41 cfs has been perfected under Certificate 86310. The permit called for complete application of water to beneficial use by October 1, 2009. On May 3, 2010, the City of Harrisburg submitted an application to the Department for an extension of time for Permit G-15927. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on May 24, 2011, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2027. The protest period closed July 8, 2011, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

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On July 6, 2011 the Department received comments on the PFO from GSI Water Solutions, consultants for the City of Harrisburg, regarding needed corrections and clarification. Based on comments on the PFO, the Department's continuing evaluation reveals that certain corrections and clarifications should be made to the PFO. Findings of Fact #9 and #17 supersede the corresponding original Findings of Fact from the PFO.

# Findings of Fact

- 9. The City relies on solely on ground water from Wells 4, 6, and 7 to meet their current peak day demand of 1.45 cfs of water. Wells 5 and 7 cannot be operated at the same time. Because Well 5 has poor water quality compared to the other wells, it is only relied on when summertime demands require its use. Well 7 is used only in the winter months. Well 9 is not yet drilled. The City has made application (S-87395) for 2.61 cfs of water from the Willamette River. When the City develops the Willamette River source, the ground water rights would be utilized for redundancy or in conjunction with surface water.
- 17. Since the issuance of Permit G-15927 on June 16, 2005, 0.41 cfs of the 1.11 cfs has been perfected under Certificate 86310.

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. <u>Development Limitations</u>

Diversion of any water beyond 0.41 cfs under Permit G-15927 shall only be authorized upon issuance of a final order approving a Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP) under OAR Chapter 690, Division 86. The required WMCP shall be submitted to the Department within 3 years of an approved extension application. Use of water under Permit G-15927 must be consistent with this and subsequent WMCP's approved under OAR Chapter 690, Division 86 on file with the Department.

The deadline established in this PFO for submittal of a WMCP shall not relieve a permit holder of any existing or future requirement for submittal of a WMCP at an earlier date as established through other orders of the Department. A WMCP submitted to meet the requirements of this order may also meet the WMCP submittal requirements of other Department orders

The applicant has demonstrated good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.630, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0080(3).

#### Order

The extension of time for Application G-16302, Permit G-15927, therefore, is approved subject to conditions contained herein. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use within the terms and conditions of the permit is extended from October 1, 2009 to October 1, 2027.

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DATED: July 15, 2011

Dwight Arench, Water Rights Services Division Administrator for PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

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