

**Oregon Water Resources Department**  
**Water Right Services Division**

Water Rights Application  
Number G-16198

**Final Order**  
**Extension of Time for Permit Number G-15771**  
**Permit Holder: Columbia Empire Farms, R-2 Ranch**

**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-15771 was issued by the Department on November 18, 2004. The permit called for complete application of water to beneficial use by October 1, 2009. On March 27, 2011, Columbia Empire Farms, R-2 Ranch submitted to the Department an Application for Extension of Time for Permit G-15771. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on May 10, 2011, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2011. The protest period closed June 24, 2011, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

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 no additional conditions.

The Department's continuing evaluation reveals that the following modifications must be made to the Proposed Final Order:

Finding #10a of the Proposed Final Order should state, "Annual reports of the amount of water used each month have been received by the Department."

Finding #20 of the Proposed Final Order should state, "During the last year of permit development period (2009), the applicant experienced turnover in ranch management personnel. As a result, the final work under this permit was not completed by October 1,

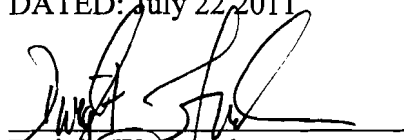
2009. With a new ranch manager in place, the applicant is ready to complete this project.”

The factors shown by the applicant, together with the conditions imposed by the Department and the modifications made herein, establish good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.630, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0040(2).

**Order**

The extension of time for Application G-16198, Permit G-15771, therefore, is approved with the above modifications to the Proposed Final Order. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use is extended to October 1, 2011.

DATED: July 22, 2011



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