

Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Right Services Division

PROPOSED FINAL ORDER

In the Matter of the Application for an Extension of Time for Permit G-13760, Water Right Application G-14909, in the name of Estacada Rock Production, Inc.

Permit Information

Application File: G-14909
Permit: G-13760
Basin: 2 – Willamette / Watermaster District 20
Date of Priority: January 15, 1999
Source of Water: A well in Clackamas River Basin
Purpose of Use: Mining use
Maximum Rate: 0.223 cubic feet per second (cfs)

*****Please read this Proposed Final Order in its entirety as it may contain additional conditions not included in the original permit. *****

In Summary, the Department proposes to:

- Grant an extension of time to apply water to full beneficial use from October 1, 2003 to October 1, 2018¹.

This Extension of Time request is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 537.630 and 539.010(5), and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 690, Division 315.

ACRONYM QUICK REFERENCE

Department – Oregon Department of Water Resources

¹Pursuant to ORS 537.630(4), upon the completion of beneficial use of water allowed under the permit, the permittee shall hire a certified water rights examiner to survey the appropriation. Within one year after the complete application of water to a beneficial use (or by the date allowed for the complete application of water to a beneficial use), the permittee shall submit a map of the survey and a new or revised claim of beneficial use as deemed appropriate by the Department.

PFO – Proposed Final Order
cfs – cubic feet per second
gpm – gallons per minute

AUTHORITY

Generally, see ORS 537.630 and OAR Chapter 690 Division 315.

ORS 537.630(1) provides in pertinent part that the Oregon Water Resources Department may, for good cause shown, order an extension of time within which: irrigation or other works shall be completed; the well or other means of developing and securing ground water shall be completed; or the right perfected. In determining the extension, the Department shall give due weight to the considerations described under ORS 539.010(5) and to whether other governmental requirements relating to the project have significantly delayed completion of construction or perfection of the right.

ORS 539.010(5) provides in pertinent part that the Water Resources Director, for good cause shown, may extend the time within which the full amount of the water appropriated shall be applied to a beneficial use. This statute instructs the Director to consider: the cost of the appropriation and application of the water to a beneficial purpose; the good faith of the appropriator; the market for water or power to be supplied; the present demands therefore; and the income or use that may be required to provide fair and reasonable returns upon the investment.

OAR 690-315-0040 provides in pertinent part that the Water Resources Department shall make findings to determine if an extension of time may be approved to complete construction and/or apply water to full beneficial use.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Background

1. Permit G-13760 was granted by the Department on November 26, 1999. The permit authorizes the use of up to 0.223 cfs of water from a well in Clackamas River Basin for mining use. The permit specified actual construction of the well to begin by August 13, 2000 and complete application of water was to be made on or before October 1, 2003.
2. The permit holder, Estacada Rock Products Inc. submitted an "Application for Extension of Time" to the Department on November 18, 2013, requesting the time to apply water to full beneficial use under the terms and conditions of Permit G-13760 be extended from October 1, 2003 to October 1, 2015. This is the first permit extension requested for Permit G-13760.
3. Notification of the Application for Extension of Time for Permit G-13760 was published in the Department's Public Notice dated November 26, 2013. No public comments were

received regarding the extension application.

4. On September 18, 2014, the permit holder submitted additional information to supplement their Application for Extension of Time. The amendment requested the extended time to apply water to full beneficial use of the water system be changed from October 1, 2015 to October 1, 2018.
5. The Department believes that the permit holders misidentified which well log numbers were associated with each permit on their Applications for Extension of Time for Permit G-13514 and G-13760. The Department has determined that well (CLAC 51009) is associated with Permit G-13514 and well (CLAC 54256/57766) is associated with Permit G-13760.

Review Criteria [OAR 690-315-0040]

The time limits to complete construction and/or apply water to full beneficial use may be extended if the Department finds that the permit holder has met the requirements set forth under OAR 690-315-0040. This determination shall consider the applicable requirements of ORS 537.230², 537.248³, 537.630⁴ and/or 539.010(5)⁵.

Complete Extension of Time Application [OAR 690-315-0040(1)(a)]

6. On November 18, 2013, the Department received a completed Application for Extension of Time and the fee specified in ORS 536.050 from the permit holder.

Start of Construction [OAR 690-315-0040(1)(b) and 690-315-0040(5)]

7. Actual construction of the well began prior to the August 13, 2000 deadline specified in the permit. Construction of the well (CLAC 54256) began July 22, 1998, and was completed September 24 1998.

Duration of Extension [OAR 690-315-0040(1)(c)]

Under OAR 690-315-0040(1)(c), in order to approve an extension of time for water use permits the Department must find that the time requested is reasonable and the applicant can complete the project within the time requested.

8. As of November 18, 2013, the remaining work to be completed consists of filing for a permit amendment to properly identify the location of the well and place of use, and apply water to full beneficial use.
9. Given the amount of development left to occur, the Department has determined that the permit holder's request to have until October 1, 2018, to accomplish the application

²ORS 537.230 applies to surface water permits only.

³ORS 537.248 applies to reservoir permits only.

⁴ORS 537.630 applies to ground water permits only.

⁵ORS 539.010(5) applies to surface water and ground water permits.

of water to beneficial use under the terms and conditions of Permit G-13760 is both reasonable and necessary.

Good Cause [OAR 690-315-0040(1)(d)]

The Department's determination of good cause shall consider the requirements set forth under OAR 690-315-0040(2).

Reasonable Diligence of the Appropriator [OAR 690-315-0040(2)(a)]

The Department's determination of reasonable diligence shall consider the requirements set forth under OAR 690-315-0040(3)(a-d). In accordance with OAR 690-315-0040(3), the Department shall consider, but is not limited to, the following factors when determining whether the applicant has demonstrated reasonable diligence in previous performance under the permit:

Amount of Construction [OAR 690-315-0040(3)(a)]

10. Work was accomplished within the time allowed in the permit or previous extension as follows:
 - a. Construction of the well and water system began prior to the August 13, 2000 deadline specified in the permit. Construction of the well (CLAC 54256) began July 22, 1998, and was completed September 24, 1998.
 - b. Work was completed during the original development time frame under Permit G-13760. By 2000 a meter was installed and the well (CLAC 54256) was deepened (CLAC 57766) March 31, 2002.

Beneficial Use of Water [OAR 690-315-0040(3)(b)]

11. The following beneficial use of water was made during the permit or previous extension time limits:
 - a. Since the issuance of Permit G-13760 on November 26, 1999, a maximum rate of 0.224 cfs of water has been appropriated from the well for mining use.
 - b. Delay of full beneficial use of water under Permit G-13760 was due, in part, to the permit holder needs more time in which to file a permit amendment to properly identify the location and the place of use for the well..

Compliance with Conditions [OAR 690-315-0040(3)(c)]

12. The Department has considered the permit holder's compliance with conditions, and did not identify any concerns.

Financial Investments to Appropriate and Apply Water to a Beneficial Purpose [OAR 690-315-0040(2)(b),(3)(d),(4)(d)]

13. As of November 18, 2013, the permit holder has invested \$111,3000 which is 100 percent of the total cost for complete development of this project. The permit holder

anticipates no additional investment is needed for the completion of this project.

Good Faith of the Appropriator [OAR 690-315-0040(2)(c)]

14. The Department has found good faith of the appropriator under Permit G-13760.

The Market and Present Demands for Water [OAR 690-315-0040(2)(d-e)]

The Department's determinations of market and present demand for water or power to be supplied shall consider the requirements set forth under OAR 690-315-0040(4)(a-f). In accordance with OAR 690-315-0040(4), the Department shall consider, but is not limited to, the following factors when determining the market and the present demand for water or power to be supplied:

15. The amount of water available to satisfy other affected water rights and scenic waterway flows; special water use designations established since permit issuance, including but not limited to state scenic waterways, federal wild and scenic rivers, serious water management problem areas or water quality limited sources established under 33 U.S.C. 1313(d); or the habitat needs of sensitive, threatened or endangered species, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife [OAR 690-315-0040(4)(a-c)].

The amount of water available to satisfy other affected water rights and scenic waterway flows was determined at the time of issuance of Permit G-13760; furthermore, water availability for other affected water rights and scenic waterway flows after the permit was issued is determined when an application for a new water right is submitted. The point of appropriation for Permit G-13760, located within the Clackamas Basin, is not located within a limited or critical ground water area. The point of appropriation is located above the Clackamas Scenic Waterway and is located within an area ranked "highest" for stream flow restoration needs as determined by the Department in consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and is located within a Sensitive, Threatened or Endangered Fish Species Area as identified by the Department in consultation with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The point of appropriation is not in an area listed by the Department of Environmental Quality as a water quality limited stream.

Other economic interests dependent on completion of the project [OAR 690-315-0040(4)(e)].

16. None have been identified.

Other factors relevant to the determination of the market and present demand for water and power [OAR 690-315-0040(4)(f)].

17. None have been identified.

Fair Return Upon Investment [OAR 690-315-0040(2)(f)]

18. Use and income from the permitted water development will likely result in reasonable returns upon the investment made to date.

Other Governmental Requirements [OAR 690-315-0040(2)(g)]

19. Delay in the development of this project was not caused by any other governmental requirements.

Unforeseen Events [OAR 690-315-0040(2)(h)]

20. None have been identified.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The applicant is entitled to apply for an extension of time to complete construction and/or completely apply water to the full beneficial use pursuant to ORS 537.630(1).
2. The applicant has submitted a complete extension application form and the fee specified in ORS 536.050, as required by OAR 690-315-0040(1)(a).
3. The applicant complied with begin actual construction timeline requirements pursuant to ORS 537.630 as required by OAR 690-315-0040(1)(b) and OAR 690-315-0040(5).
4. Completion of construction and full application of water to beneficial use can be accomplished by October 1, 2018, as required by OAR 690-315-0040(1)(c).
5. The Department has considered the reasonable diligence and good faith of the appropriator, the cost to appropriate and apply water to a beneficial purpose, the market and present demands for water to be supplied, the financial investment made and fair and reasonable return upon the investment, the requirements of other governmental agencies, and unforeseen events over which the permit holder had no control, whether denial of the extension will result in undue hardship to the applicant and whether there are no other reasonable alternatives for meeting water use needs, any other factors relevant to a determination of good cause, and has determined that the applicant has shown that good cause exists for an extension of time to apply water to full beneficial use pursuant to OAR 690-315-0040(1)(d).

PROPOSED ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Department proposes to issue an order to:

Extend the time to apply water to beneficial use under Permit G-13760 from October 1, 2003 to October 1, 2018.

DATED: September 23, 2014


Dwight W. French, Administrator,
Water Right Services Division

*If you have any questions,
please check the information
box on the last page for the
appropriate names and
phone numbers.*

Proposed Final Order Hearing Rights

1. Under the provisions of OAR 690-315-0100(1) and 690-315-0060, the applicant or any other person adversely affected or aggrieved by the proposed final order may submit a written protest to the proposed final order. The written protest must be received by the Water Resources Department no later than **November 7, 2014**, being 45 days from the date of publication of the proposed final order in the Department's weekly notice.
2. A written protest shall include:
 - a. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner;
 - b. A description of the petitioner's interest in the proposed final order and if the protestant claims to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
 - c. A detailed description of how the action proposed in the proposed final order would adversely affect or aggrieve the petitioner's interest;
 - d. A detailed description of how the proposed final order is in error or deficient and how to correct the alleged error or deficiency;
 - e. Any citation of legal authority supporting the petitioner, if known;
 - f. Proof of service of the protest upon the water right permit holder, if petitioner is other than the water right permit holder; and

