

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

Application for Extension of Time

In the Matter of the Application for an Extension of Time)
for Permit S-54223, Water Right Application S-86240) PROPOSED FINAL
in the name of David and Judith Dahlberg) ORDER

Permit Information

Application:	S-86240
Permit:	S-54223
Basin:	Mid Coast / Watermaster District 15
Date of Priority:	April 4, 2005
Source of Water:	Siltcoos Lake, a tributary of Siltcoos River
Purpose or Use:	Domestic use for one household
Maximum Rate:	0.005 cubic foot per second (cfs)

Please read this Proposed Final Order in its entirety.

In summary, the Department proposes to:

- Grant an extension of time to apply water to full beneficial use from October 1, 2010, to October 1, 2021.¹

This Extension of Time request is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 537.230 and 539.010(5), and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 690, Division 315

¹ Pursuant to ORS 537.230(4), upon the completion of beneficial use of water allowed under the permit, the permit holder 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 permit holder shall submit a map of the survey and the claim of beneficial use.

ACRONYM QUICK REFERENCE

Application – Application for Extension of Time
Department – Oregon Water Resources Department
ODFW – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
PFO – Proposed Final Order
cfs – cubic feet per second
POD – point of diversion
FOF – Finding of Fact
ODFW – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

AUTHORITY

Generally, see ORS 537.230 and OAR Chapter 690 Division 315.

ORS 537.230(3) provides in pertinent part that the Oregon Water Resources Department (Department) may, for good cause shown, order an extension of time within which irrigation or other works 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) 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 therefor; and the income or use that may be required to provide fair and reasonable returns upon the investment.

OAR 690-315-0040 provides that in order to approve an application for an extension of time to complete construction or apply water to full beneficial use, the Department shall make the findings in OAR 690-315-0040(1) including a finding that there is “good cause” to approve the extension. OAR 690-315-0040(2)-(4) contains the factors that the Department must consider to make findings that support a “good cause” determination.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 13, 2005, Permit S-54223 was issued by the Department. The permit authorizes the use of up to 0.005 cfs of water from Siltcoos Lake, a tributary of Siltcoos River, for domestic use for one household. The permit specified complete application of the water to the use was to be made on or before October 1, 2010.
2. On January 31, 2017, the permit holder, Judith Dahlberg, submitted an “Application for Extension of Time” (Application) to the Department, requesting the time to apply water to full beneficial use under the terms and conditions of Permit S-54223 be extended from October 1, 2010, to October 1, 2018. This is the first permit extension requested for Permit S-54223.

3. On February 7, 2017, notification of the Application for Extension of Time for Permit S-54223 was published in the Department's Public Notice. No public comments were received.
4. On February 27, 2017, the Department received an Application for a Permit Amendment, requesting to change the point of diversion (POD). The request was assigned Permit Amendment (T-12597), and is currently under review.
5. On February 27, 2017, the permit holder submitted an amendment to their Application. The amendment requested the extended time to apply water to full beneficial use of the water system be changed from October 1, 2018, to October 1, 2021.

Review Criteria [OAR 690-315-0040]

In order to approve an Application for an Extension of Time to complete construction and/or apply water to full beneficial use pursuant to ORS 537.230 or 537.630, or to begin construction, pursuant to ORS 537.248, the Department must make the findings in OAR 690-315-0040(1)(a) – (d).

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

6. On January 31, 2017, 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. Construction of the water system began prior to permit issuance. The permit holder states, construction began May 1, 1997, with the construction of a shared pump house, and piping to deliver water to the permit holder's residence.
8. According to the Application for a Permit to Use Surface Water submitted to the Department April 4, 2005, the water delivery system was identified as existing at the time of application.

Based on Finding of Fact (FOF) 7 and 8, the Department has determined the permit holder has satisfied the condition requiring beginning of construction of the water works prior to October 1, 2010.

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

The Department must find that there is "good cause" to approve the extension. In making a "good cause" finding, the Department shall consider the requirements set forth under OAR 690-315-0040(2).

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

In order to make a finding of "good cause" to approve the extension, the Department shall consider whether the applicant has demonstrated "reasonable diligence" in previous performance under the permit. OAR 690-315-0040(2)(a). In determining "reasonable diligence", the Department shall consider, but is not limited to, the following factors: a) The amount of construction completed within the time allowed in the permit or previous extension; b) The amount of beneficial use made of the water during the permit or previous extension time limits; c) Water right holder conformance with the permit or previous extension conditions; and d) Financial investments made toward developing the beneficial use of water.

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

The amount of construction completed within the time allowed in the permit.²

9. Construction of the water system began prior to permit issuance. A shared pump house was constructed; and piping, a shared pump and fish screen was installed.
10. Work was accomplished during the original development time frame under Permit S-54223, being October 13, 2005, through October 1, 2010. The work accomplished consisted of the installation of a UV water system and a meter.
11. No other work has been accomplished since October 1, 2010.

The Department has determined based on Finding of Fact (FOF) 9 and 10, that work has been accomplished prior to permit issuance and within the time allowed in the permit, which provides evidence of good cause and reasonable diligence towards the complete application of water to a beneficial use.

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

The water right permit holder's conformance with the permit conditions.

12. On August 9, 2005, the Department received an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Fish Screening Program Small Pump Screen Self Certification Form, certifying installation of fish screening meeting ODFW fish screen criteria.
13. On August 8, 2008, the permit holder installed a meter.
14. On January 19, 2017, the permit holder obtained written documentation, from ODFW waiving the condition to install bypass devices, as they are not required for Permit S-54223. This letter is in the file for Permit S-54223.

² "Actual Construction" is defined in OAR 690-315-0020(3)(d)(A) and (B) as physical work performed toward completion of the water system which demonstrates the water right permit holder's good faith and intention to complete the project with reasonable diligence. Actual construction does not include planning a diversion system, formulating a business plan, securing financing, letting contracts, purchasing but not installing equipment, surveying, clearing land or planting crops.

The Department has determined based on FOF 12, 13, and 14, the permit holder has demonstrated compliance with the following permit conditions as required by Permit S-54223:

- “Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director.”
- “The permittee shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices consistent with current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) standards.....The required screen and by-pass devices are to be in place and functional, and approved in writing by ODFW prior to diversion of any water. The permittee may submit evidence in writing that ODFW has determined screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary.”

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

The amount of beneficial use made of the water during the permit time limits.

15. The Application states a maximum rate of 0.005 cfs of water has been diverted from Siltcoos Lake, a tributary of Siltcoos River for domestic use for one household.

The Department has determined that beneficial use of water has been demonstrated under this permit as all permit conditions were satisfied by October 1, 2010.

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

16. The Application states an approximate total of \$5,150 has been invested. The Application included costs associated with survey work to stake out property easement, which are not “actual construction” under this permit and therefore are not counted towards development. After deducting these costs, the approximate total investment for “actual construction” to date is approximately \$4,544 which is about 29 percent of the total projected cost for complete development of this project. The Application states an additional \$12,085 investment is needed to complete this project, which includes receiving an approval for a Permit Amendment to change the POD, underground boring, and the installation of a pump, plumbing, and electrical.

The Department has determined based on FOF 16, that the permit holder had made an investment, which provides evidence of good cause and reasonable diligence towards the complete application of water to a beneficial use.

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

The Application provides evidence that work has been accomplished towards completion of the water system; the permit holder has demonstrated compliance with permit conditions; a financial investment has been made, and; beneficial use of water has been demonstrated. The

Department has determined the applicant has demonstrated reasonable diligence in previous performance under Permit S-54223.

The Market and Present Demands for Water [OAR 690-315-0040(4)(a-f)]

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:

- *(a) The amount of water available to satisfy other affected water rights and scenic waterway flows;*
- *(b) 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);*
- *(c) The habitat needs of sensitive, threatened or endangered species, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife;*
- *(d) Economic investment in the project to date;*
- *(e) Other economic interests dependent on completion of the project; and*
- *(f) Other factors relevant to the determination of the market and present demands for water and power.*

OAR 690-315-0040(4)(a)

The amount of water available to satisfy other affected water rights and scenic waterway flows.

17. A review of the amount of water available to satisfy other affected water rights and scenic waterway flows was determined at the time of issuance of Permit S-54223; 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.
18. A current Water Availability Analysis for the Siltcoos River, (Tributary to Pacific Ocean) at the mouth (watershed ID 31820701) shows that water is available year-round at the 80% exceedance level; OAR 690-518-0010(1)(a) classifies water from Siltcoos Lake only for domestic, livestock, and in lake purposes.

OAR 690-315-0040(4)(b)

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).

19. The point of diversion is located on Siltcoos Lake, a tributary of Siltcoos River, and is not located within a Withdrawn Area.

20. Siltcoos River is not located within or above a state or federal scenic waterway.
21. The point of diversion is in a location listed by the Department of Environmental Quality as a water quality limited stream.
 - a. Siltcoos Lake, River Mile 0 to 2.3 listed under Water Quality Limited for Aquatic weeds or Algae.

OAR 690-315-0040(4)(c)

The habitat needs of sensitive, threatened or endangered species, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

22. Siltcoos River is located within an area ranked "moderate" 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.

OAR 690-315-0040(4)(d)

Economic interests dependent on completion of the project.

23. The Application states an approximate total of \$4,544 has been invested in the project.

OAR 690-315-0040(4)(e)

Other economic interests dependent on completion of the project.

24. The Application did not identify economic interests other than those of the applicant's that may be dependent on completion of the project.

OAR 690-315-0040(4)(f)

Other factors relevant to the determination of the market and present demand for water and power.

25. No other factors relevant to the determination of the market and present demand for water and power have been identified.

OAR 690-315-0040(2)(f)

Fair Return Upon Investment

26. The Application did not identify that the use and income from the permitted water development will likely result in reasonable returns upon the investment made to date.

OAR 690-315-0040(2)(g)

Other Governmental Requirements

27. The Application did not identify any delay in the development of this project that was caused by any other governmental requirements.

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

28. According to the permit holder, unforeseen events extended the length of time needed to fully develop and perfect Permit S-54223, in that permit holder David Dahlberg passed away June 6, 2009, and Judith Dahlberg was unaware development of the permit was to be completed by October 1, 2010, which restricted her ability to complete development of the project in a timely manner.

Denial of an Extension Would Result in Undue Hardship [OAR 690-315-0040(2)(i)]

29. The Application did not state if a denial of the extension would result in undue hardship.

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

30. The Department has found good faith of the appropriator under Permit S-54223.

Based on FOF 7 through 10, 12 through 16, and 23, the Department has determined that the applicant has shown good faith and reasonable diligence.

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.

31. As of January 31, 2017, the permit holder states the remaining work to be completed consists of receiving an approval for a Permit Amendment to change the POD, underground boring, installing a pump, plumbing, and electrical; and applying water to full beneficial use.

Given the amount of development left to occur, the Department has determined that the permit holder's request to have until October 1, 2021, to accomplish the application of water to beneficial use under the terms and conditions of Permit S-54223 is both reasonable and necessary.

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

The Department must find that there is "good cause" to approve the extension. In making a "good cause" finding, the Department shall consider the requirements set forth under OAR 690-315-0040(2).

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).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 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).
2. The Applicant complied with construction timeline requirements to begin construction as required by ORS 537.230, OAR 690-315-0040(1)(b) and OAR 690-315-0040(5).
3. Based on Finding of Facts 5 through 29, full application of water to beneficial use can be accomplished by October 1, 2021³, as required by OAR 690-315-0040(1)(c).
4. The Applicant can complete the project within the time period requested for the extension on the project. OAR 690-315-0050(5).
5. The Applicant has demonstrated good cause for the extension. OAR 690-315-0050(5).

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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 S-54223 from October 1, 2010, to October 1, 2021.

DATED: March 14, 2017


Dwight 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 **April 28, 2017**, 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
 - g. The applicant or non-applicant protest fee required under ORS 536.050.

3. Within 60 days after the close of the period for requesting a contested case hearing, the Director shall:
 - a. Issue a final order on the extension request; or
 - b. Schedule a contested case hearing if a protest has been submitted, and:
 - 1) Upon review of the issues, the Director finds there are significant disputes related to the proposed agency action; or
 - 2) The applicant submits a written request for a contested case hearing within 30 days after the close of the period for submitting protests.

Notice Regarding Service Members: Active duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. App. §§501-597b. You may contact the Oregon State Bar or the Oregon Military Department for more information. The toll-free telephone number for the Oregon State Bar is: 1 (800) 452-8260. The toll-free telephone number of the Oregon Military Department is: 1 (800) 452-7500. The Internet address for the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Legal Services Locator website is: <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>

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- If you have any questions about statements contained in this document, please contact Corey A Courchane at (503) 986-0825.
 - If you have questions about how to file a protest or if you have previously filed a protest and you want to know the status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-986-0820.
 - If you have any questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801.
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