

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

Water Right Application G-18475 in the)
name of JEFF HOLLIDAY and BIGGS)
SERVICE DISTRICT)

PROPOSED FINAL ORDER
TO DENY

Summary: The Department proposes to deny Application G-18475 for groundwater use because the proposed use does not comply with other rules of the Water Resources Commission (Commission), specifically Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.621 and 537.140.

Authority

The application is being processed in accordance with ORS 537.615 through 537.628, and 390.826, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 5, 8, 9, 33, 300, 310, 400, 410 and Deschutes Basin Program OAR 690-505. These statutes and rules can be viewed on the Oregon Water Resources website: <http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/pages/law/index.aspx>

The Department's main page is <http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/pages/index.aspx>

The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525 if:

- a. The proposed use is allowed in the applicable basin program established pursuant to ORS 536.300 and ORS 536.340 or given a preference under ORS 536.310(12);
- b. Water is available;
- c. The proposed use will not injure other water rights; and
- d. The proposed use complies with the rules of the Commission. ORS 537.621(2); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(b)

All four criteria must be met for a proposed use to be presumed to ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health. When the criteria are met and the presumption is established the Department must further evaluate the proposed use, any comments received, information available in its files or received from other interested agencies, and any other available information to determine whether the presumption is overcome. OAR 690-310-0140

If the Department determines that the presumption is not established, the Department shall determine whether the proposed use will impair or adversely affect the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 and may either:

- a. Propose denial of the application upon a finding that the use will impair or adversely affect the public welfare, safety and health; or
- b. Make specific findings to demonstrate that even though the presumption is not established, the proposed use will not impair or adversely affect the public welfare, safety and health and propose approval of the application with appropriate modifications or conditions. OAR 690-310-0140(2)

FINDINGS OF FACT

Application History

1. On March 7, 2017, Jeff Holliday and Biggs Service District filed a complete application for the following water use:
Amount of Water: 0.89 cubic foot per second (CFS)
Use of Water: municipal uses
County: Sherman County
Location: within Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 16 East, W.M.
Source of Water: a well, tributary to Columbia River
2. On August 18, 2017, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, determining that "**...it is unlikely that Application G-18475 will be approved without the submittal of additional information.**" The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.
3. On August 22, 2017, the Department gave public notice of the application in its weekly notice. The public notice included a request for comments, and information for interested persons about obtaining future notices and a copy of the Proposed Final Order. No written comments were received within 30 days.
4. As part of the Initial Review, Department staff conducted a Division 86 review (OAR 690-086), determining that the Form M as submitted with the application was insufficient. The Initial Review required the applicant to provide additional information. No additional information was submitted by the applicant.

Presumption Criteria (a) Consistency with Basin Program

5. The proposed use is allowed under Deschutes Basin Program OAR 690-505. ORS 537.621(3)(b); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(b)
6. No preference for this use is granted under the provisions of ORS 536.310(12).

Presumption Criteria (b) Water Availability

7. An assessment of groundwater availability has been completed by the Groundwater/Hydrology section. A copy of this assessment is in the file. Groundwater will likely be available within the capacity of the resource, and if properly conditioned (and if authorized), the proposed use of groundwater will avoid injury to existing groundwater rights. ORS 537.621(3)(c); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(c)

Presumption Criteria (c) Injury Determination

8. The proposed use will not injure other water rights. ORS 537.621(3)(d); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(e)

Presumption Criteria (d) Whether the use complies with rules of the Commission

9. Documentation has been submitted from the relevant land-use planning jurisdiction that indicates an approved land-use decision has been obtained, and that either no administrative appeals were received, or all such appeals have concluded. ORS 537.621(3)(b); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(b)
10. The proposed groundwater use is not within a designated critical/limited/withdrawn groundwater area. ORS 537.620(4)(a), 537.621(3)(a); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)
11. The proposed use is not within or above a State Scenic Waterway. ORS 537.620(4)(a), 537.621(3)(a); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)
12. The proposed use complies with rules of the Commission not otherwise described above.

Determination of Presumption and whether the proposed use will impair or adversely affect the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525

13. Because one of the four criteria is not met (the proposed use does not comply with other rules of the Commission, per #4), the presumption is not established. OAR 690-310-0140(1)
14. Because the presumption is not established the proposed use will impair or adversely affect the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525, OAR 690-310-0140(2)

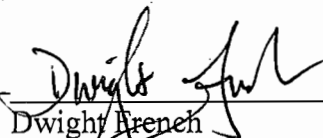
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The proposed use will impair or adversely affect the public welfare, safety and health.

PROPOSED ORDER

The Department recommends issuing an order denying Application G-18475.

DATED January 30, 2018


Dwight French

Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

Protests

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for groundwater), you can protest this Proposed Final Order. Protests must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than **Friday, March 16, 2018**. Protests must be in writing, and must include the following:

- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- A description of your interest in the Proposed Final Order, and, if you claim to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
- A detailed description of how the action proposed in the Proposed Final Order would impair or be detrimental to your interest;
- A detailed description of how the Proposed Final Order is in error or deficient, and how to correct the alleged error or deficiency;
- Any citation of legal authority to support your protest, if known;
- To affect the department's determination that the proposed use in this application will, or will not, ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525, ORS 537.621(2)(b) requires that a protest demonstrate, by a preponderance of evidence any of the following: (a) One or more of the criteria for establishing the presumption are, or are not, satisfied; or (b) The specific aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 that would be impaired or detrimentally affected, and specifically how the identified aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 would be impaired or be adversely affected;
- If you are the applicant, the protest fee of \$410 required by ORS 536.050; and
- If you are not the applicant, the protest fee of \$810 required by ORS 536.050 and proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.
- If you are the applicant, a statement of whether or not you are requesting a contested case hearing.

Requests for Standing

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for groundwater), persons other than the applicant who support a Proposed Final Order can request standing for purposes of participating in any contested case proceeding on the Proposed Final Order or for judicial review of a Final Order.

Requests for standing must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than **Friday, March 16, 2018**. Requests for standing must be in writing, and must include the following:

- The requester's name, mailing address and telephone number;
- If the requester is representing a group, association or other organization, the name, address and telephone number of the represented group;
- A statement that the requester supports the Proposed Final Order as issued;
- A detailed statement of how the requester would be harmed if the Proposed Final Order is modified; and

- A standing fee of \$230. If a hearing is scheduled, an additional fee of \$580 must be submitted along with a petition for party status.

After the protest period has ended, the Director will either issue a Final Order or schedule a contested case hearing. The contested case hearing will be scheduled only if a protest has been submitted and either:

- upon review of the issues, the director finds that there are significant disputes related to the proposed use of water, or
- the applicant requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If you do not request a hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period, or if you withdraw a request for a hearing, notify the Department or the administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Director may issue a Final Order by default. If the Director issues a Final Order by default, the Department designates the relevant portions of its files on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for purpose of proving a *prima facie* case upon default.

You may be represented by an attorney at the hearing. Legal aid organizations may be able to assist a party with limited financial resources. Generally, partnerships, corporations, associations, governmental subdivisions or public or private organizations are represented by an attorney. However, consistent with OAR 690-002-0020 and OAR 137-003-0555, an agency representative may represent a partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or public or private organization if the Department determines that appearance of a person by an authorized representative will not hinder the orderly and timely development of the record in this case.

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 Barbara Poage at 503-986-0859 or Barbara.J.Poage@oregon.gov.
 - 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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