

**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 G-17015, Water Right Application G-13988, in) **FINAL ORDER**
the name of Tim L. and Janice L. Kerns; and)
Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA)

Permit Information

Application: G-13988
Permit: G-17015
Basin: 9 – Powder / Watermaster District 8
Date of Priority: February 23, 1995
Source of Water: Twelve wells within Willow Creek Basin
Purpose or Use: Supplemental irrigation of 218.0 acres
Maximum Rate: 2.25 cubic feet per second (cfs)

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.

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-13159 was issued by the Department on June 27, 1997, and modified by Permit Amendment T-8262 on August 12, 2013. Superseding Permit G-17015 was issued by the Department on August 12, 2013. The permit specified actual construction of the well to begin by June 27, 1998, and complete application of water to beneficial use by October 1, 2001. The most recent extension authorized complete application of water to beneficial use by October 1, 2017. On October 2, 2017, Tim L. Kerns and Janice L. Kerns submitted an Application for Extension of Time for Permit G-17015. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on January 23, 2018, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2037. The protest period closed March 9, 2018, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department adopts and incorporates by reference the findings of fact in the Proposed Final Order dated January 23, 2018.

At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, any comments received, and information within the file, the permit may be extended subject to the following conditions:

LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

1. Checkpoint Condition

The permit holder must submit a completed Progress Report Form to the Department by **October 1, 2022, 2027, 2032, and 2036**. *A form will be enclosed with your Final Order.*

- (a) At each checkpoint, the permit holder shall submit and the Department shall review evidence of the permit holder's diligence towards completion of the project and compliance with terms and conditions of the permit and extension. If, after this review, the Department determines the permit holder has not been diligent in developing and perfecting the water use permit, or complied with all terms and conditions, the Department shall modify or further condition the permit or extension to ensure future compliance, or begin cancellation proceedings on the undeveloped portion of the permit pursuant to ORS 537.260 or 537.410, or require submission of a final proof survey pursuant to ORS 537.250;
- (b) The Department shall provide notice of receipt of progress reports in its weekly notice and shall allow a 30 day comment period for each report. The Department shall provide notice of its determination to anyone who submitted comments.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The applicant has demonstrated 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-13988, Permit G-17015, 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, 2017, to October 1, 2037.

DATED: March 23, 2018



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

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 - If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at (503) 986-0900
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