

Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Rights Division

Water Rights Application
Number G 7812

Final Order
Extension of Time for Permit Number G 7903

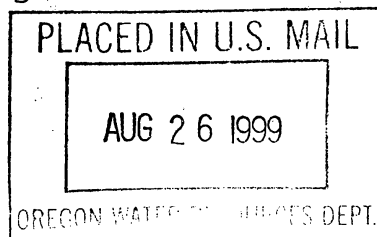
Application History

On May 7, 1999, Star Satellite Improvement District submitted an application to the Department for an extension of time for permit number G 7903. The Department issued Permit number G 7903 on March 10, 1978. The permit called for completion of construction of the water development project by October 1, 1990 and complete application of water to the full beneficial use by October 1, 1990. In accordance with OAR 690-320-0010(8), on June 8, 1999, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2019. The protest period closed July 23, 1999. No protest was filed.

The permittee must submit written progress reports to the Department by October 1, 2004, October 1, 2009 and October 1, 2014. The reports must be received by the Department not sooner than 90 days prior to the due date. The permittee's report must describe in detail the work done each year since the last extension was granted or the last progress report submitted. The report shall include:

- a) The amount of construction completed;
- b) The amount of beneficial use of water being made, including the total volume of water used, water used relative to the specific authorizations (types of use, acres irrigated, etc.) contained in the permit, and the percent of the total allowable water use that this represents;
- c) A review of the permittee's compliance with terms and conditions of the permit and/or previous extension; and
- d) Financial investments made toward developing the beneficial water use.

The Department will review the progress report to determine whether the permittee is exercising diligence towards completion of the project and complying with the terms and conditions of the permit and extension.



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Failure to submit a progress report by the due date above will result in cancellation of the undeveloped portion of the permit by the Department pursuant to ORS 537.260 or 537.410 to 537.450. Within one year after cancellation, the permittee must submit a final proof survey pursuant to ORS 537.230 and 537.250.

If the Department finds that diligence is questionable, the Department may:

- a) request the permittee to submit additional information with which to evaluate diligence;
- b) apply additional conditions and performance criteria for perfection of the right; or
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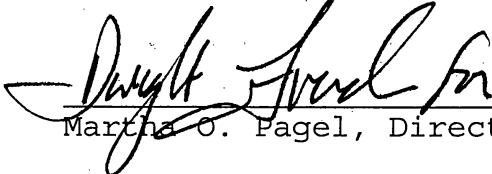
In determining whether the permittee has been diligent, the Department will consider information submitted to the Department by the permittee and any information submitted during the 30-day public comment period following public notice of submittal of the progress report.

If information is received through the public notice process indicating that the applicant has not been diligent toward completing the project, and if the director determines there are significant disputes related to the use of water, the Department will conduct a hearing.

Order

The extension of time for Application G 7812, Permit Number G 7903, therefore, is approved. The extension is issued as limited by the conditions set forth in the permit and the conditions incorporated herein. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use is extended to October 1, 2019.

DATED August 13, 1999


Martha O. Pagel, Director

Appeal Rights

Under the provisions of ORS 536.075, the applicant may appeal this order by filing a petition for review in the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the applicant resides or has a principal business office. The petition for review must be filed within 60 days after the date this order is served. ORS 183.484.

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Water Right Permit Extension Application
for Permit Number G 7903

Water Right Application Number G 7812

Proposed Final Order

This Proposed Final Order applies only to permit number G 7903.

Summary of Recommendation

The Department proposes to:

grant the extension for complete application of water from October 1, 1990 to October 1, 2019.

Application History

Permit no. G 7903 was granted by the Water Resources Department on March 10, 1978. The permit authorizes use of 0.69 cfs of water from two wells for quasi-municipal use in the West Fork Dairy Creek basin. It specified that construction must be completed by October 1, 1979, and water applied to full beneficial use by October 1, 1980. A copy of permit no. G 7903 is attached.

On May 7, 1999, the Department received an application from Star Satellite Improvement District for an extension of time to complete construction and to apply water to full beneficial use. The applicant has requested until October 1, 2019 to apply water to full beneficial use. This is the fourth permit extension request.

Findings of Fact

ORS 537.230(2) and 537.630 (1) allows the Department to grant an extension of time to perfect a water right for good cause. In evaluating good cause, the Department has considered the written record in the permit application file in relation to the requirements of ORS 537.230(2), ORS 537.630 (1) and ORS 539.010(5) and makes the following findings.

1. The applicant is legally entitled to apply for an extension on this permit.
2. The applicant has submitted a completed permit extension form and the required

- fee.
3. The water project development made to date has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the permit.
 4. Progress in perfecting the permit is being held up by the pace of property development within the district. The development of the properties and related water use has taken longer than anticipated.
 5. The applicant has pursued perfection of the right in good faith and with reasonable diligence.
 - a) Work on the water development project completed to date includes construction of the two wells, installation of pumps, and water lines. Water in the amount of 0.25 cfs has been applied.
 - b) The applicant has invested approximately \$ 196,625 of an estimated total water system project cost of \$ 196,625.
 - c) The work remaining to be completed consists of the complete application of water.
 - d) The district erroneously reported they were ready for final proof and certificate issuance when the water system was built. They now realize they will not be ready to be certificated until the amount of water they want to apply within the permit limits is used. The Department advised the district by letter to apply for an extension of time if they wished to use the full amount of water allowed under the permit.
 6. Based on the written record, the Department finds there is good cause to approve the extension request. The applicant has pursued perfection of the right in good faith and with reasonable diligence.
 7. Due to the reasons outlined above in item 4 and the water development progress to date, the Department finds that the length of time requested for completion of the application of water should be extended to October 1, 2019 as requested by the applicant.

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 537.230, and ORS 537.630.
2. The applicant has submitted an extension application form and the fee required by ORS 536.050(1)(L).
3. The applicant has pursued perfection of the right in good faith and prosecuted construction with reasonable diligence.
4. The applicant has shown good cause for the untimely completion of the water development project and complete application of water to full beneficial use pursuant to ORS 537.230(2), and ORS 537.630 (1).
5. The permit extension should be approved until October 1, 2019 to complete the application of water.

Conditions

The permittee must submit a written progress report to the Department by October 1, of the years 2004, 2009, and 2014. The report must be received by the Department not sooner than 90 days prior to the due date. The permittee's report must describe in detail the work done each year since the last extension was granted or the last progress report submitted. The report shall include:

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The Department will review the progress report to determine whether the permittee is exercising diligence towards completion of the project and complying with the terms and conditions of the permit and extension.

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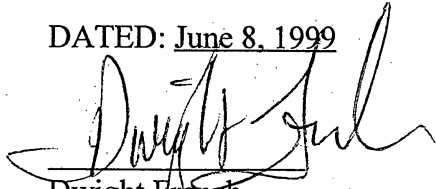
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Recommendation

The Department proposes to issue an order to:

extend the permit time to complete application of water from October 1, 1990 to October 1, 2019.

DATED: June 8, 1999



Dwight French
Water Rights Section Manager

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

Protest Rights and Comments

1. Under the provisions of OAR 690-320-0010(8) you have the right to protest this proposed final order. Your protest must be in writing and must include the following:
 - a) Your name, address and telephone number;
 - b) Your interest in this proposed final order, and if you claim to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
 - c) A detailed description of how the action in the proposed final order would impair or be detrimental to your 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 your protest, if known; and
 - f) The \$25 protest fee required under ORS 536.050 (1)(j).
2. Each person submitting a protest shall raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and all reasonably available arguments supporting the person's position by the close of the comment period.
3. The Water Resources Department must receive written protests or written comments no later than **July 23, 1999**.
4. After the close of the comment and protest period, the Director will either issue a final order, or schedule a contested case hearing if the Director finds there are significant disputes related to the use of water.

This document was prepared by Dallas Miller. If you have any questions about any of the statements contained in this document I am most likely the best person to answer your questions. You can reach me toll free within Oregon at 1-800-624-3199 extension 272. Outside of Oregon you can dial 1-503-378-8455.

If you have questions about how to file a protest or if you have previously filed a protest and want to know the status, please contact Adam Sussman. His extension number is 262.

If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Water Rights Information Group at extension 499. Address all other correspondence to: Water Rights Section, Oregon Water Resources Department, 158 12th ST. NE Salem, OR 97310, Fax: (503)378-2496.