

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
429 Mississippi Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

P E R M I T

In the Matter of  
Application No. 01120

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

This is to certify that the Board of Water Commissioners of the State of Mississippi has examined the application of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, 1115 Deposit Guaranty Bank Building, Jackson, Mississippi, for permission to construct a dam and reservoir on the channel of Pearl River and to appropriate water to beneficial use, together with the maps, plans and other submitted data; that the Board of Water Commissioners finds that the construction of said dam and reservoir on Pearl River will not affect adversely plans for the proper utilization of the water resources of the State of Mississippi; and that said application is hereby approved and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District is hereby authorized to construct said dam and reservoir and to perfect the proposed appropriation subject to the following terms, conditions and limitations:

The earthfill dam is to be constructed across the channel of Pearl River in Madison, Rankin and Hinds Counties, Mississippi, and Pelahatchie Creek in Rankin County, Mississippi, approximately six miles northeast of the City of Jackson, as shown on the maps and in the data submitted to the Board of Water Commissioners. The reservoir is to be located in Madison, Rankin, Hinds, Leake and Scott Counties, Mississippi, as shown by said maps and in said data submitted to this Board.

The source of the water is to be from Pearl River, Pelahatchie Creek, and other tributary streams.

The quantity of water shall be the amount of 400,000 acre feet to fill said reservoir plus such additional acre feet per year as is

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required from time to time to replace the water lost through evaporation and seepage and to replace water taken from said reservoir for any of the beneficial uses authorized by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Act, Mississippi Laws, 1958, Chapter 197, in order to refill and keep said reservoir full for the recreational use while impounded in said reservoir and for domestic, municipal, industrial and all other beneficial uses provided in said Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Act; provided however, that no water shall be appropriated or impounded under the authority of this paragraph at any time when the discharge from the reservoir is less than 112 million gallons of water per day, without written permission of the State Board of Water Commissioners.

The District shall not interfere with the established average minimum flow of Pearl River as defined by Laws of 1956, Chapter 167, as amended, if and when such flow is required to protect the rights of water users below, and the District shall deliver into the stream of Pearl River below the dam such quantity of water as the Board of Water Commissioners may require therefor, together with any other quantity of water required by lawful order of said Board of Water Commissioners under said Laws of 1956, Chapter 167, as amended, and under said Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Act.

The priority date of this permit is July 21, 1959.

Actual construction work shall begin on or before November 1, 1959, and shall thereafter be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and be completed on or before December 1, 1963. The applicant shall notify the Board of Water Commissioners when it has completed construction of necessary works and has actually applied water to the proposed use. Such notice shall be filed not later than 60 days after the completion date specified above or any authorized extension thereof. Failure to file the required notice within the time allowed will result in forfeiture of priority of the application.

The superior rights of persons using water for domestic use must be respected.

The prior rights of persons who, by compliance with the Laws of the State of Mississippi, have acquired and retained a right to the use of the water from this source must not be unlawfully interfered with by the initiation of the use sought by the applicant.

For the purpose of determining the stage and flow of the stream or streams from which water is diverted for the operation of the project works, the amount of water held in and withdrawn from storage, the District shall install and thereafter maintain such gages and stream-gaging stations as the Board may deem necessary and best adapted to the requirements; and shall provide for the required readings of such gages and for the adequate rating of such stations. The District shall keep accurate and sufficient record of the foregoing determinations to the satisfaction of the Board of Water Commissioners, and shall make return of such records at such time and in such form as the Board may prescribe.

This permit shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 167, Laws of 1956, and shall be subject to modification by reduction or increase in quantity of water appropriated in the sound discretion of the Board of Water Commissioners acting in cooperation with the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Water Supply District.

Dated this 11th day of August, 1959.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS



By: Jack W. Pepper  
Water Engineer

I certify that the above permit was approved by Board at regular meeting of August 11, 1959.



Jack W. Pepper  
Water Engineer