

Decision No. 16397.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PISMO BEACH WATER COMPANY,)
a corporation, for permission to)
furnish water to the Town of Pismo)
Beach, in the County of San Luis)
Obispo, State of California.)

ORIGINAL

Application No. 12399.

Fred A. Shafer for Pismo Beach Water Company.

M. R. Van Wormer for El Pismo Water Company
and other protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the Pismo Beach Water Company, a corporation, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system in and in the vicinity of the unincorporated town of Pismo, San Luis Obispo County.

Public hearings in this proceeding were held before Examiner Austin at Pismo after all interested parties had been given an opportunity to be present and be heard.

Applicant herein now operates a water system serving a few consumers located in a real estate subdivision adjacent to the town of Pismo. This water company has obtained a franchise from the county authorities granting permission to install a water system in and about the town of Pismo and it is proposed to extend its present system to include the entire town of Pismo. The evidence however shows that Pismo is now being served by a public

utility water system which has been in existence for many years.

At the time this matter was heard there was combined with it for hearing an application by W. W. Ward, owner of the water company supplying the town, to abandon the utility service, as well as another application to sell the system to certain citizens of Pismo. On February 6, 1926, the Commission in its Decision No. 15947 authorized the transfer of the water system owned by Ward to the citizens above mentioned, who are now supplying water to the residents of Pismo under the name of the Citizens Water Association. The present operators of this plant are financially capable of improving the service heretofore rendered, and have agreed to obtain a better and more palatable water supply.

The facts before the Commission indicate that the town of Pismo is already being served by a public utility water system whose present owners are in a position to adequately meet the service demands of the public. It appears therefore that public convenience and necessity do not require the construction and operation of a water system by applicant to supply water to the town of Pismo, and accordingly the application should be denied.

O R D E R

Pismo Beach Water Company, a corporation, having made application for authority to furnish water to the town of Pismo, in San Luis Obispo County, public hearings having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission now being fully informed in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED for the reasons stated in the preceding opinion that the above entitled application be and the same is hereby denied.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20)

days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day
of April, 1926.

H. P. Bernard

C. H. ...

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