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Decision No. 5630-

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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CITY OF SAN BRUNO.

Complainant,

-VS-

Case No. 1119.

HENSLEY-GREEN COMPANY, as San Bruno Water Company.

Defendant.

W. J. Locke for complainant. Norman W. Hall for defendant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Decision No. 4780 of October 22, 1917, relating to water service at San Bruno, San Mateo County, contains the following order:

Green Company file, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, plans for the improvement of its system to provide for a pressure of not less than twenty pounds per square inch at all points on the distribution system where there are consumers, the plans filed to include connection not less than two inches in diameter with the pipe mains of the Spring Valley Water Company, and the installation of meters at the option of the consumers or the utility but at the expense of the Hensley-Green Company or San Bruno Water Company.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty days of the date of the approval of the plans filed, the Hensley-Green Company commence construction and exercise due diligence in its completion.

(See Vol. 14. Opinions and Orders of the Railroad Commission of California. p. 340)

Various orders were made by the Commission extending the effective date of the above order to April 20, 1918. These orders were made upon the informal representation that effort was being made to consolidate the three systems serving water in San Bruno, provided suitable franchise could be procured from the City and either operate them privately or sell them to the City of San Bruno and that the poor service complained of would be remedied upon the consolidation or sale of the properties in question.

The application to the City for franchise for the consolidated properties and the proposal to sell the properties to the city were both rejected and subsequently the trustees submitted to the City a proposal to issue bonds for \$140,000 for the construction of a new municipal water system. which proposal was defeated by the votors.

Subsequently, defendant applied to the Commission for such a modification of the order above quoted, as to allow defendant to develop its own water supply by cleaning out its wells and if necessary boring additional wells, all requirements of the order otherwise to be held in abeyance until it could be shown whether the supply would be sufficiently increased and the lack of pressure overcome.

At the request of the city, public hearing was held upon the application for modification of the order, at San Bruno, by Examiner Westover.

At the hearing it was shown that defendant was then engaged in cleaning out its wells, that it believed and was advised that this process would increase its water

supply to such an extent that it would not be necessary to purchase water. It also developed that some misunderstanding existed as to the terms and conditions under which Spring Valley Water Company would permit the physical connection originally ordered.

The Commission, through its engineers, promptly took up the matter of these misunderstandings with the Spring Valley Water Company with the result that a basis of agreement was quickly reached upon terms satisfactory to that company and to defendant. The original order did, not require the purchase of water. It required establishment of a physical connection so that defendant would be able to procure an ample auxiliary supply in case of emergency or need.

Plans referred to in the original order by which it was expected that defendant would indicate portions of its system in which larger mains would be substituted for the present mains have not been filed.

Defendant did not show at the hearing or at any other time any necessity for modification of the original order. Defendant has had ample time in which to improve the conditions complained of and has not shown a satisfactory effort in good faith to comply with the terms of the order. We further extension of time beyond that contained in the order herein will be granted.

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Application having been made by defendant for modification of the original order herein in the particulars described in the above opinion, public hearing

having been held thereon and defendant having failed to make a showing which would justify a modification of the original order quoted in the above opinion, the application for modification thereof is denied.

Green Company, provide within three days from date hereof a 3/4" connection of its system with the high pressure water main of the Spring Valley Water Company, at or near the Catholic Church, San Bruno, and within ten days from date hereof file with the Commission plans for the improvement of its system to provide for a pressure of not less than twenty pounds per square inch at all points on the distribution system where there are consumers, and the installation of meters at the option of the consumers or the utility but at the expense of the Hensley-Green Company or San Bruno Water Company.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty days after the date of the approval of the plans filed, the Hensley-Green Company commence construction and exercise due diligence in its completion.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2 6 the day of July, 1918.

Commissioners.