

Decision No. 13411

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  
WESTERN WATER COMPANY, a corporation,  
for authority to restrict water ser-  
vice from a new 8-inch lateral pipe  
line to the U.S. Army Airport near  
Taft, California.

Application No. 24083.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the Western Water Company, a corporation, engaged as a public utility in the sale and distribution of water in the Midway Oil Field in Kern County, makes application to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing it to supply water to the United States Army airport near Taft from an 8-inch lateral pipe line to be constructed exclusively for such service and to withhold said lateral from any other or further dedication to public use.

Attached to the application as Exhibit "A" is a copy of an agreement made and entered into on the 24th day of March, 1941, between Western Water Company and County of Kern, a political subdivision of the State of California, wherein the utility has agreed to install 18,480 feet of 8-inch pipe line at an estimated cost of \$28,862, connected with an existing 12-inch water main, for the purpose of making available to the United States Government sufficient water at an airport established as part of the national defense program, which airport is located in Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33 of Township 32 South, Range 25 East, M.D.B. & M., in Kern County. The agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the installation is to be made in accordance with the terms of a certain lease agreement previously entered into between County of Kern and the United

States Government.

The application states that there has been no demand for service in the area subject to said lease nor along said proposed 8-inch lateral and that the lateral would not be installed except for the purpose of serving said airport. In order to insure an adequate supply to meet at all times the water demands of the said airport, applicant requests that the right to service from said lateral pipe line be restricted to service to the United States Government only.

O R D E R

Application as entitled above having been filed with the Railroad Commission, and it appearing that this is a matter in which a public hearing is unnecessary and that the request should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Western Water Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to render water service to the United States Government for the general use of the facilities existing and to be constructed at the Army airport in Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33 of Township 32 South, Range 25 East, M.D.B. & M., near the city of Taft in Kern County, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement dated March 24, 1941, between Western Water Company and County of Kern, a political subdivision of the State of California, a copy of which, marked Exhibit "A", is attached to the application herein and by reference made a part hereof.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the water service to be rendered by, through and from the 8-inch lateral pipe line to be especially constructed for the purpose of furnishing the water service herein authorized, be and it is hereby restricted to such service as may be rendered to the United States Government only and

that said utility may withhold said lateral pipe line from any other or further dedication to public use, unless otherwise specifically ordered by this Commission.

The effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1941.

[Signature]

Justus F. Casner  
Francis R. Havenner  
COMMISSIONERS.