

Decision No. 34853

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 WESTERN WATER COMPANY, a corporation,  
 for authority to enter into a contract  
 with the Federal Works Agency for water  
 service to the Taft Defense Housing  
 Project.

Application No. 24604

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Western Water Company, a corporation,<sup>(1)</sup> seeks authority to enter into a written contract with the United States Government, through the Federal Works Agency, covering the supply of water for domestic, fire fighting and other purposes to a 24-unit defense housing project near Taft, Kern County, designated as Cal-4141-X.

The contract, a copy of which is attached to the application and marked Exhibit A, is effective for an initial period of one year and thereafter from year to year until terminated by either party by giving 30 days' written notice. The rates, terms and conditions therein are in accordance with the rates, rules and regulations of Applicant now on file with this Commission. The contract contains a provision that any increase or decrease in Applicant's rates, if applicable to the service supplied the project, may be made effective for such service by proper amendment to the contract.

It is noted, however, that reference to this Commission's jurisdiction has been omitted from the contract and the Commission at this time calls to the attention of both parties to the contract the fact that each may expect the Commission to continue to exercise its jurisdiction over the rates, conditions and terms of service rendered thereunder in accordance with the statutes.

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(1) Hereinafter sometimes referred to as Applicant.

The Commission having considered the request of Applicant and it being of the opinion that the application should be granted, that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary, and good cause appearing, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Western Water Company, a corporation, is hereby authorized to enter into that certain proposed contract with the United States Government, a copy of which is attached to the application herein and marked Exhibit A, and to render water service to the defense housing project designated as Cal-4141-X, at the rates and under the terms and conditions set forth in said contract.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Western Water Company, a corporation, shall file with this Commission two copies of the contract within thirty days after its execution.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1941.

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Justin F. Coeuen  
Francis L. Havenue

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Commissioners