

Decision No. 43199

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of  
CALIFORNIA WATER & TELEPHONE COMPANY  
to increase rates for water service  
in its Sweetwater District.

First Supplemental  
Application No. 29094

OPINION AND ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR REHEARING  
AND FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF

The Commission has carefully considered the petition for rehearing and for emergency relief filed herein by applicant, respecting Decision No. 43121, rendered on the 12th day of July 1949, denying applicant's First Supplemental Application for Emergency Increase in Rates and Charges. It must be borne in mind, in connection with applicant's request for emergency relief, that interim relief was granted to applicant by Decision No. 41607 on May 18, 1948, in this proceeding. Such interim relief accorded to applicant increases in the full amount requested by it, subject to further consideration and review by the Commission after the staff of the Commission had completed its study of the operations of applicant. Before such study had been completed, applicant filed, on March 28, 1949, said First Supplemental Application for emergency relief praying for a surcharge of 12 per cent upon all rates then in effect. The rates then in effect were the rates which were increased by the interim relief, heretofore granted on May 18, 1948, by Decision No. 41607. Said First Supplemental Application was denied because the Commission did not then have the benefit of the staff study and because the showing made by applicant did not warrant the emergency relief requested. We adhere to the views expressed in Decision 43121.

This matter has been set for hearing on September 27, 1949, at which time the staff study will be considered and the entire situation thoroughly explored.

In light of the foregoing facts and the views expressed herein and in Decision No. 43121, the petition for rehearing and for emergency relief filed herein by applicant on August 1, 1949, is hereby denied.

Dated, San Francisco, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1949.

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