

Decision No. 4347A

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of
CITIZENS DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY FOR
ORDER AUTHORIZING REZONING OF SERVICE
AREA.

Application No. 30543

Cosgrove, Clayton, Cramer, and Diether,
by S. H. Rindge, for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Citizens Domestic Water Company, a California corporation engaged in rendering public utility water service in the vicinity of Arlington, Riverside County, California, filed the above-entitled application on August 8, 1949, seeking authority to rezone a portion of its service area. A public hearing on this application was held before Examiner Warner in Riverside on October 19, 1949.

Applicant's presently filed tariffs were ordered by the Commission's Decision No. 42308, dated December 14, 1948 in Application No. 29419; they apply to two operating zones designated as Zones I and II. The purpose of the application herein is to transfer a portion of the area now included in Zone II to Zone I, as a solution to a problem created by a physical condition resulting from the topography of the area.

As alleged in the application and shown in the record, a certain area, delineated in the large scale map introduced as Exhibit 2 in this proceeding, consisting of approximately 115 acres and lying within and at the southeasterly end of Zone II, is separated from the existing Zone II water main by granite hills which are considerably higher in elevation than the Zone II reservoir. Also, a considerable portion of that certain area is higher in elevation than the Zone II

reservoir. To supply the area from Zone II is, therefore, not practicable. The area in question, although not contiguous to Zone I, is in close proximity to Zone I and can be supplied from there.

At the time of the filing of the application, no customers resided within the area; however, since September 15, 1949, approximately 30 homes have been completed and there are six customers residing in the area who would be affected by the proposed rezoning.

The application alleges and the evidence shows that if the rezoning were effected as proposed, the minimum rates would remain the same, but quantity rates above the first 1,000 cubic feet per meter per month would be increased two cents per 100 cubic feet.

The evidence, both in this proceeding and in the hearings in connection with Application No. 29419, indicates that the two-cent rate differential between Zone I and Zone II is attributable to higher pumping costs in Zone I, since the reservoir located therein is approximately 200 feet higher than the reservoir in Zone II.

It is concluded upon review of the record in this proceeding, that practical considerations dictate the granting of authority to applicant to rezone its service area as applied for, and that the resultant increase in rates, which will apply to the new customers in the new subdivided area of Zone II, to be rezoned as Zone I, are justified by the circumstances shown in the record as herein outlined.

O R D E R

Citizens Domestic Water Company having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing the rezoning of service area, public hearings having been held, and the matter having been submitted for decision,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the rezoning of service area and resultant increase in rates are justified; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Citizens Domestic Water Company is authorized to include within the service area designated as Zone I, that portion of the area set out on the map filed as Exhibit 2 surrounded by the green line marked thereon, and to place into effect Zone I rates therein.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of

November, 1949.

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Kenneth Potter
Commissioners.