

Decision No. 26475

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of )  
CROCKER-HUFFMAN LAND AND WATER COMPANY, )  
a corporation, for an order of the )  
Public Utilities Commission of the )  
State of California authorizing )  
applicant to carry out the terms and )  
conditions of an agreement with Farmers )  
Underwriters Association, a corporation, )  
dated August 10, 1951, relating to an )  
extension of service to "The Frank Winter )  
Subdivision" near the City of Merced, )  
County of Merced, State of California. )

Application No. 32671

OPINION AND ORDER

Crocker-Huffman Land and Water Company, among other things, is engaged in the public utility business of selling and distributing water for domestic, commercial, and other purposes to consumers in the City of Merced and contiguous territory in Merced County. In this application said company requests permission and authority to carry out the terms and provisions of an agreement for the extension of mains, entered into with Farmers Underwriters Association, a corporation, dated the 10th day of August, 1951. This agreement provides for the extension of water mains and the rendering of service by applicant into territory contiguous to that now being served by applicant embracing a subdivision known and designated as "The Frank Winter Subdivision."

Farmers Underwriters Association, a corporation, is an insurance company operating in the State of California, which recently has established a regional office on Highway 99, just south of the City of Merced; said association is constructing a housing project for its employees in the area immediately adjacent to said regional office.

This agreement, among other things, provides for the installation of necessary mains and other water distribution facilities, exclusive of service connections, throughout said Frank Winter Subdivision. The estimated cost of installation of this extension is \$28,000 which amount has been deposited with the company by the association. Provision is made for granting to said company the necessary easements and rights of way for the installation, maintenance and repair of installed facilities. Provision is made for refunding, without interest, during the period of 10 years, an amount of money not to exceed the deposit. Refunds are to be upon the basis of \$150 for each active domestic residential service connection, \$1,850 for each active 4-inch metered service connection, and \$450 for each active 6-inch automatic fire service connection. Further provision is made for refunds to other classes of service which may hereinafter be rendered and for other attachments to the transmission and distribution extension.

Among other things, the agreement provides that within five years after completion of the extension the association will guarantee to the company minimum service requirements in the Frank Winter Subdivision, consisting of service connections producing at the then existing rates a minimum service charge and continuing for a period of 10 years thereafter as follows:

- 48 One-family dwelling houses,
- 24 One-family apartment units,
- 4 Fire hydrants,
- 1 Four-inch metered service connection,
- 3 Six-inch automatic fire connections.

The Commission having considered the request of applicant and being of the opinion that it should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Crocker-Huffman Land and Water Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to carry out the terms and provisions of that certain written agreement, entered into the 10th day of August, by and between said Crocker-Huffman Land and Water Company and Farmers Underwriters Association, a corporation, providing for the extension of water service by applicant to the Frank Winter Subdivision, a copy of <sup>which</sup> ~~said~~ agreement marked Exhibit A is attached to the application herein and is hereby made a part of this order by reference, and to render service described therein under the terms, charges and provisions stated therein, subject to the following condition:

Applicant shall file with the Commission, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this order, two (2) certified copies of the contract as executed, together with a statement of the date on which water service was commenced under said agreement.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1951.

R. J. [Signature]  
President  
James J. [Signature]  
Harold [Signature]  
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Commissioners.