

Decision No. 46705

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of JUNIOR WATER CO., INC. for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience ) Application No. 32917  
and Necessity to serve additional )  
territory in the County of Los )  
Angeles. )

Stuart D. Noble, Secretary, for applicant;  
James F. Wilson, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Junior Water Company, Inc., a corporation, by the above-entitled application filed November 19, 1951, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve additional territory in Los Angeles County; such additional territory comprises the school grounds of the new Corvallis Intermediate School of Norwalk School District, now under construction. The application was amended at the hearing by the filing of a map, Exhibit A (amended), on which the proposed additional territory is delineated.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Warner on January 8, 1952, in Los Angeles, at which time the matter was submitted. The record shows that notice of the hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area and notice was sent to Park Water Company, a public utility water company serving the area immediately west of Studebaker Road and south of Leffingwell Road, and the only public utility of like character with which applicant might compete, but no appearance was entered by any party.

The site of the new Corvallis Intermediate School, as shown on Exhibit A (amended) of the application, is located on the south side of Leffingwell Road at the intersection of Benwood Avenue. The school grounds are bounded on the north by Leffingwell Road, on the west by Allingham Street, and on the east and south by Tract No. 16245, Los Angeles County, and comprise approximately 20 acres, more or less. Temporary water service for the school construction is being furnished by applicant through a 65-foot service extension and a 4-inch service connection and meter from applicant's existing 6-inch cast-iron water main located on the north side of Leffingwell Road. Water is delivered by said main from applicant's existing well on Lot 39, Tract No. 16245, Los Angeles County, just south of Leffingwell Road and east of Longworth Avenue. Upon completion of construction of the school, permanent water service will be furnished thereto at applicant's presently filed general metered service rates.

By its Decision No. 44038, dated April 11, 1950, in Application No. 30883, applicant was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve, including other tracts in the vicinity, Tract No. 16245, which adjoins and is immediately contiguous to the proposed area on the east and on the south thereof. Decision No. 44038 specifically prohibited applicant from extending its water system into contiguous territory without a further order of the Commission. By its Decision No. 46238, dated October 2, 1951, in Application No. 32006 and Case No. 5322, applicant was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve Tract No. 16775 which adjoins and is immediately contiguous to the proposed school site and area requested to be certificated herein, on the north.

Applicant's presently certificated service area, including Tracts Nos. 16245, 16200, 16478, 14761 and 16775, comprises some 1,110 lots, upon which many homes have been constructed and are in the process of being constructed, and two elementary school sites. Its present sources of water supply include two wells located within the service area which produce a total of 1,425 gallons per minute. Applicant alleges in its application that it is in the process of engineering details for one additional well, but further alleges that the equipment and wells now being used by applicant will be sufficient for the maximum use of Corvallis Intermediate School.

A financial statement attached to the application as Exhibit B indicates that applicant's financial position as of September 30, 1951, was sound. The fixed capital as of that date was shown as \$160,972, and a reserve for accrued depreciation totaled \$1,063.

In a letter addressed to the Commission from Norwalk School District by Reginald M. Benton, District Superintendent, dated December 3, 1951, the Commission was advised that the Norwalk School District joined in the application herein being considered and immediate water service was requested in order to proceed with construction of the school. In its reply dated December 11, 1951, the Commission suggested that temporary water service for construction of the school be effected with applicant.

The Commission has considered applicant's request for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to extend its water system to serve the area comprising the school grounds of Corvallis Intermediate School, Norwalk School District, Los Angeles County, and is of the opinion that the application should be granted subject to the following provision of law:

That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate, or enjoy such certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State as the consideration for the issuance of such certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the property herein described.

O R D E R

Junior Water Company, Inc., a corporation, having filed the above-entitled application, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision, it is hereby found as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the extension of Junior Water Company, Inc.'s water system to serve the school and school grounds of Corvallis Intermediate School, Norwalk School District, Los Angeles County, in the area delineated on the map filed at the hearing as Exhibit A (amended) of the application; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is granted to Junior Water Company, Inc., to serve additional territory in the County of Los Angeles immediately south of Tract No. 16775, and immediately north and west of Tract No. 16245, Los Angeles County, as shown on the map filed at the hearing as Exhibit A (amended) of the application and comprising the school site of Corvallis Intermediate School, Norwalk School District, Los Angeles County.
2. That Junior Water Company, Inc., is authorized to apply its presently filed general service metered rates to the service of such territory.
3. That applicant shall not make extensions into other territory contiguous to its certificated area without further order of the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall file within forty (40) days after the effective date of this order four (4) copies of a comprehensive map drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 600 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the various tracts of land and territory served and the location of various properties of applicant, and four (4) copies of tariff service area map acceptable to this Commission and in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 96.

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

Dated at ~~San Francisco~~ <sup>Los Angeles</sup>, California, this 29th day of January, 1952.

(RJR)

R. J. [Signature]  
President.

Justus J. [Signature]

Harold P. [Signature]

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Commissioners.