Decision No. 48852

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER & TELEPHONE COMPANY for a permit to issue and sell bonds.

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

California Water & Telephone Company has filed this application for an order authorizing it to execute a supplemental indenture and to issue and sell \$1,000,000 in principal amount of its First Mortgage Bonds, 3-7/8% Series due 1979. It proposes to dispose of such bonds by means of a private placement with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and New York Life Insurance Company for cash at the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest.

In financing the cost of its properties, applicant has executed a trust indenture dated as of December 1, 1935, together with subsequent indentures supplemental thereto, and has issued and sold, pursuant to the terms thereof, first mortgage bonds in the aggregate amount of \$14,250,000, in series as follows:

3.50% Series, issued on September 2, 1941	\$5,850,000	
3-1/4% Series, issued on August 31, 1943	900,000	
2-7/8% Series, issued on February 2, 1947	500,000	
2-7/8% Series, issued on May 22, 1927	500,000	
3% Series, issued on November 28, 1947	1,000,000	
3-1/4% Series, issued on August 16, 1948		\$ 9,750,000
Series due March 1, 1979	السنيس جد أكريت منطقة أية رع	
3-1/4% Series, issued on March 23, 1949	1,000,000	,
3-1/8% Series, issued on June 23, 1949	500,000	
3.10% Series, issued on October 27, 1949	1,000,000	
3% Series, issued on November 1, 1950	1,000,000	
3-5/8% Series, issued on August 7, 1951	1,000,000	4,500,000

Total First Mortgage Bonds Outstanding

Series due June 1. 1971

\$14,250,000

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Applicant reports that it has need for additional funds and that it desires to execute a Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture creating a new series of bonds, to be known as First Mortgage Bonds, 3-7/8% Series due 1979, and to sell \$1,000,000 of bonds of this new series. According to the application, the proceeds will be used to pay expenses incident to the issue and sale, estimated at \$9,000, and to finance in part applicant's 1952 construction program or to repay short-term bank loans incurred for that purpose. In this connection, applicant reports cash requirements needed in 1952 for construction in the amount of \$5,953,124, segregated as follows:

Telephone Department - Routine estimates Specific estimates - Buildings and land Central office equipment Station equipment Outside plant Total Telephone Department	\$1,055,335 428,050 1,578,630 292,530 <u>1,547,580</u> 4,902,125
Water Department -	
Routine pipe line extensions Hydrants Services Meters Office equipment Garage, shop & miscellaneous distribution equipt. Cement lining of transmission & distribution	16,572 27,516 122,365 70,736 18,910 48,754
mains Additional filter tanks - Monterey Pumping plants and additions thereto Land Additional storage facilities - Monterey Transmission & distribution main extensions and	133,990 18,157 40,724 63,800 55,304
renewals Miscellaneous construction jobs	316,978 117,193
Total Water Department	1,050,999
Total	<u>\$5,953,124</u>

In addition to the first mortgage bonds, applicant has outstanding \$950,000 of debentures, \$4,696,850 par value of preferred stock and \$7,415,075 par value of common stock. It clearly appears that applicant must look to external sources to finance a part of its

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construction costs and that the Commission is warranted in authorizing the issue and sale of the bonds as outlined in this proceeding. At the conclusion of the proposed financing, applicant's capital structure will consist of 51% bonds, 3% debentures, 16% preferred stock and 30% equity capital.

ORDER

The Commission having considered the above entitled matter, and being of the opinion that a public hearing thereon is not necessary; that the application should be granted, as herein provided; that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for through the issue of the bonds herein authorized is reasonably required by applicant for the purposes specified herein; and that such purposes, except as otherwise authorized, are not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. California Water & Telephone Company, after the effective date hereof and on or before August 31, 1952, may execute a supplemental indenture dated March 1, 1952, in, or substantially in, the same form as that filed in this proceeding as Exhibit 6, and may issue and sell \$1,000,000 in principal amount of its First Mortgage Bonds, 3-7/8% Series due 1979, for cash at not less than the principal unount plus accrued interest.

2. California Water & Telephone Company shall use the proceeds, exclusive of accrued interest, to be received through the issue and sale of said bonds for the purposes set forth in this. application. The accrued interest may be used for said purposes and for general corporate purposes.

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3. Within thirty (30) days after the issue and sale of the bonds, California Water & Telephone Company shall file with the Commission a report, or reports, showing the amount of bonds issued and sold under the authority herein granted, the names of those to whom sold, and the price at which sold. Within six (6) months after such issue and sale it shall file with the Commission a statement showing in some detail the expenses incurred by it incident thereto and the account, or accounts, to which such expenses were charged.

4. The authority herein granted will become effective when California Water & Telephone Company has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904 (b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this _____ day of March, 1952.

Commissioners

