

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 48318

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, a )  
 corporation, for an order approving )  
 and authorizing an agreement between )  
 Applicant and Crockett Development )  
 Association for the extension of )  
 service by Applicant to the real )  
 estate tract under development by )  
 Crockett Development Association. )

Application 34026

O P I N I O N

California Water Service Company, by the above-entitled application filed January 16, 1953, requests authorization of the Commission to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement with Crockett Development Association, dated December 26, 1952, relative to a main extension for water service to a real estate subdivision in applicant's Contra Costa District.

Special Condition in Agreement

Under the terms of the agreement, the Crockett Development Association is to be refunded the cost of the main extension under the "Revenue Method" without the option of choosing between this method and the "Proportionate Cost Method" as is allowed in applicant's Rule and Regulation No. 15, Water Main Extensions. Under either method the refund period is limited to ten years after the date of completion of such extension. The "Revenue Method" provides for refunding annually 35% of the gross revenues collected from consumers within the subdivision, while the "Proportionate Cost Method" provides for refunding for each consumer initially taking service in the subdivision an amount equal to the average installed cost of 75 feet of such extension.

Justification for Special Condition

The real estate subdivision to be served is in the vicinity of the town of Crockett, in Contra Costa County. The subdivision, as shown on the map attached to the application as Exhibit A, comprises 49 residential lots, all of which are stated to be at elevations higher than 280 feet above sea level.

Applicant's filed main extension rule also states that it shall not be obligated to furnish water service to consumers in and in the vicinity of the town of Crockett above an elevation of 280 feet above sea level. This limitation was established as the result of the Commission's Decision No. 16625, dated May 3, 1926, in Case 1418, First Supplemental Order.

Because of the greater expense involved in serving water above the elevation of 280 feet, applicant herein requests that the Commission authorize the above referred to deviation from its extension rule. In all other respects, applicant's filed rates and rules will apply to the water service furnished under this agreement.

O R D E R

The Commission having considered the request of the applicant and being of the opinion that the application should be granted and that a public hearing in this matter is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the written agreement, dated December 26, 1952, with Crockett Development

Association, and to render the service described therein under the terms, charges and conditions stated therein, subject to the following condition:

Applicant shall file with the Commission within thirty days after the effective date of this order, two certified copies of the contract as executed, together with a statement of the date on which the contract is deemed to have become effective.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1953.

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President.

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Commissioners.