

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 49415

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES, INC., (now)
 Pacific Water Co.) to increase rates)
 for its Mesa Acres Water System.)

Application No. 34239
 (as amended)

Dan R. Hodge, et al)
 Complainants,)

Case No. 5468

- vs -)

MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES, INC.)
 (now Pacific Water Co.))
 Defendant.)

FOR APPEARANCES SEE APPENDIX A

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

At the consolidated hearing in these matters at Bakersfield on December 1 and 2, 1953, before Examiner Gregory, it was made abundantly clear that the company requires additional supplies of water and substantial installations of larger transmission mains in order to render adequate service not only to subdivisions which are presently seeking to be connected to the Bakersfield System but also to existing consumers, now numbering approximately 1450 domestic and commercial services.

Recent tests show that the company's six wells produce 1,857 gallons of water per minute, or about 1-1/4 gallons per service per minute. The company is now drilling a well in the eastern portion of the 1500-acre service area, near Pioneer and Monica Streets, but it is not now known whether water will be produced in sufficient quantities from that well to add substantially to the existing supply.

Although the company's officials recognize the problem of meeting peak summer demands on the system and also of serving new

subdivisions to the extent of the company's capacity, the record shows that funds for capital improvements, to be derived from the issuance of bonds, are not anticipated until June or July of 1954. Meanwhile, the condition confronting the company, its consumers and those seeking service to new subdivisions is not likely to improve substantially until a number of recommendations, urged by the Commission's staff and largely conceded by the company to be essential, are carried out.

We are therefore of the opinion and we find as a fact that Pacific Water Co. has reached the limit of its capacity to supply water from its own facilities in territory east of Oswell Street, comprising its Bakersfield System, and that no further subdivisions can be supplied from said system without injuriously withdrawing the supply wholly or in part from those who have heretofore been supplied by the company's said system. (See Public Utilities Code, Sec. 2708).

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Water Co. shall not furnish water to any new or additional subdivisions within or adjacent to its Bakersfield System, except upon a showing, satisfactory to the Commission, that it has procured or there are available to it, sufficient quantities of water for rendition of adequate service to existing consumers as well as to such new or additional consumers, and until the Commission, upon such showing, shall have vacated or modified this order.

Finding that the public interest so requires, this interim order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of December, 1953.

R. Z. [Signature]
President

Justus J. [Signature]

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Commissioners

APPENDIX A

APPEARANCES

Moss, Lyon & Dunn, by George C. Lyon, for Pacific Water Co.; James Vizzard, for Dan R. Hodge, et al., complainants and protestants; A. R. Jebb, for various consumers along Edison Highway, protestants; Ray N. Shannon, for Clerico Park One to Five, Inc.; Clayton T. Cochran, Deputy County Counsel, for County of Kern; Robert E. Gunning, Asst. Supervisor, for Supervisor Floyd L. Ming, 3rd Supervisorial District, Kern County; Ernest C. Hunter, Asst. Superintendent, Bakersfield City School District, for Bakersfield City School; Mrs. Leland Jones, for Parent Teachers Association, Pioneer Drive School, all interested parties; E. Ronald Foster and Theodore Stein, for the Commission Staff.