

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 49587

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, )

vs. )

Case No. 5468

MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES, INC., (now )  
PACIFIC WATER CO.) )  
Defendant. )

SECOND INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Water Co. has filed a petition for modification of Decision No. 49415 which was an interim decision issued by the Commission in these proceedings on December 8, 1953. That decision directed that Pacific Water Co. should not furnish water to new or additional subdivisions within or adjacent to its Bakersfield system, except upon a showing satisfactory to the Commission that it had procured or there were available to it sufficient quantities of water for rendition of adequate service to its existing consumers as well as to such new or additional consumers, and until the Commission upon such showing should have vacated or modified its order.

The petition recites that the company has been requested by Clerico Park Corporations to serve water to additional subdivisions which it is developing in Tract 1720 in the company's Bakersfield system service area east of Oswell Street in unincorporated territory in Kern County. In order to provide an adequate

supply of water for the new subdivision, Clerico Park Corporations proposes to transfer to the company clear title to an existing well, well site, and pumping facilities located on Lot 6 of Tract 1720. The well now has an average output capacity of 397 gallons per minute. Since petitioner alleges that there will be a maximum of 177 service connections in Tract 1720 (which is ultimately expected to be further subdivided into five smaller subdivisions), this well will furnish  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gallons per minute per service connection when the subdivisions are completely built up, which petitioner alleges will constitute an adequate supply of water for such subdivisions. When connected as a part of the company's Bakersfield water supply, the well should make available additional water for the balance of the system. A copy of the Clerico Park Corporations' option to purchase the well and connected facilities, dated January 7, 1954, is attached as an exhibit to the petition. It is alleged that the Clerico Park Corporations will exercise the option and will thereupon transfer to the company title to the well, land, and equipment.

We have considered the petition and find that it will not be adverse to the public interest to modify Decision No. 49415 by permitting the company to render water service to Tracts 1720, 1728, 1729, 1730 and 1731 in Section 26, Township 29S, Range 28E, M.D.B.& M., Kern County, California, located within the present service area of petitioner's Bakersfield system (formerly Mesa Acres Water System), provided that Pacific Water Co. has title, free and clear, to Lot 6 in Tract 1720, including title, free and clear, to the water well located thereon which at the present time has an output capacity of 397 gallons per minute of potable water, together with adequate equipment for the pumping of such well and sufficient land around the well to satisfy the requirements of the County Board of Health.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Decision No. 49415, issued in the above-entitled and numbered proceedings on December 8, 1953, be and it is hereby modified to permit Pacific Water Co. to render water service within the afore-mentioned subdivisions in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this order respecting the acquisition by the company of title to the well, land and equipment in connection with said well.

Finding that the public interest so requires, the effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of January, 1954.

R. Z. [Signature]  
President

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Commissioners