

Decision No. 50362**ORIGINAL**

## 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., a corpora-  
tion,

Defendant.

OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Water Co., by a petition filed July 24, 1954, has requested modification of the Commission's order in Decision No. 50263, dated July 12, 1954, so as to allow the company a period of ninety days to complete the metering of services on its Bakersfield system, instead of thirty days as now provided by the order.

The company alleges it has commenced to comply with the order but that full compliance within the thirty-day period will be prevented by: (a) the need for utilization of trained personnel to complete other capital improvements required by water shortages in the area; (b) possession of only 150 of the approximately 386 meters needed to complete the program and delays incident to financing the purchase and delivery of additional meters, the money for which, to be derived from a contemplated sale of bonds, is not expected to be available until about September 1, 1954.

Petitioner alleges that its present supply of meters should be installed by August 15 and that the additional meters should be purchased and installed during September, 1954.

Petitioner's request for modification appears to be reasonable and it will be granted. The company, however, should proceed immediately to install its existing supply of meters on all services where water is being wasted and should also complete installation of meters in the newer subdivisions in its service area where lawns are being planted. Furthermore, the company should also place orders immediately for sufficient meters to complete the metering program directed by the Commission's order. The metering of all new services should be carried out as a company practice in this area at such time as the Commission's order forbidding service to new or additional consumers is modified or rescinded.

A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED that the first ordering paragraph of Decision No. 50263 herein, dated July 12, 1954, be and it is hereby amended by substituting the phrases "ninety days" and "ninety-day period" for the phrases "thirty days" and "thirty-day period" now appearing in said ordering paragraph one.

Except as herein amended said Decision No. 50263 shall in all other respects be and remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of August, 1954.

John E. Mitchell  
President

Justin J. Calmes

Samuel J. Stout

Gene Ferguson  
Commissioners