

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 50692

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 petition filed October 11, 1954, requests a further extension of time to and including December 10, 1954, within which to complete installation of meters on its Bakersfield system, as directed by the Commission in prior orders. (Dec. 50263, July 12, 1954, modified by Dec. 50363, August 3, 1954 to extend time to October 10, 1954 to complete the installations.)

The company alleges that in some cases it has been necessary to install new pipe to connect and meter both old and new consumers. Moreover, it is alleged that installation of meters has been further retarded by discovery of a number of obsolete fittings in the lines. Petitioner states that as of July 12, 1954, there were 386 unmetered consumers, that 266 services have since been metered, that 150 services remain to be metered and that the required number of meters are on hand. Petitioner states that it believes the metering program can be completed by December 10, 1954.

Petitioner's request for further extension of time appears to be reasonable in the circumstances and it will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the first ordering paragraph of Decision No. 50263 herein be and it is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Pacific Water Co. is directed to meter all services on its Bakersfield system on or before December 10, 1954 and to report to the Commission on or before December 15, 1954 whether or not said metering has been accomplished."

Except as amended herein and by Decision No. 50544, dated September 14, 1954 (relating to removal of a restriction against service to individual consumers), said Decision No. 50263 shall otherwise be and remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1954.

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Commissioners