

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 53255

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of CASITAS ROAD WATER COMPANY, a)
corporation, to discontinue ser-)
vice as a public utility and to)
cancel rates.)

Application No. 37858

OPINION AND ORDER

Casitas Road Water Company, a corporation, by the above-entitled application filed March 22, 1956, seeks authority to cancel its rates and discontinue its service as a public utility distributing irrigation water in Santa Barbara County.

Allegations Of The Application

Applicant alleges that pursuant to Decision No. 14586, dated February 24, 1925, in Application No. 10475, as amended by Decision No. 19637, dated April 20, 1928, it has been distributing irrigation water in an area consisting of approximately 225 acres along Casitas Pass Road about one-and-one-half miles southeast of the town of Carpenteria, Santa Barbara County. Applicant has been serving approximately 12 consumers from its sources of water supply consisting of a well located on lands owned by applicant and water purchased from wells on adjacent property owned by others. Water has been distributed through

approximately 13,110 feet of 8- and 10-inch transmission pipe lines to various citrus groves located in the area.

Carpenteria County Water District, a county water district, has been organized and has constructed a water distribution system throughout applicant's area, together with all surrounding and adjacent areas, and has contracted with the United States of America to purchase water from the so-called Cachuma Project of the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. The District is now serving and supplying all of applicant's customers, which numbered nine during 1954. The District now has an adequate supply of water to supply Carpenteria Valley for at least thirty years.

Applicant's presently filed schedule of rates was authorized by Decision No. 45997, dated July 31, 1951, in Application No. 32549.

Conclusion

It appears that no further need for applicant's services exists, that a public hearing is not necessary, and that the granting of the application would not be adverse to the public interest, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

(1) That Casitas Road Water Company, a corporation, be and it is authorized to discontinue its operations as a public utility.

(2) That applicant, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, shall refund any and all consumers' deposits and consumers' advances for construction which applicant has the obligation to refund.

(3) That within thirty days following cessation of its operations, applicant shall notify the Commission in writing of such fact.

(4) That upon compliance with ordering paragraphs 2 and 3 of this order Casitas Road Water Company shall stand relieved of all further public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with the operation of its public utility water system.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of June, 1956.

John E. Mitchell
President

Justus J. Greene

Roy E. Wintergreen

Markus L. Drake

Commissioners