

Decision No. 53764

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 SONOMA WATER & IRRIGATION COMPANY, a
 corporation, for authority to increase
 rates on the sale of domestic water.

Application No. 35826

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER
FURTHER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 51804

Sonoma Water & Irrigation Company, by letter filed June 29, 1956, requested authority to carry out an agreement with J. Coffey for water service to Lots Nos. 1, 1a, 2, 3 and 4 of a 20-lot subdivision known as the O. M. Larson and J. Coffey Tract in Agua Caliente, Sonoma County. A copy of the contract has been submitted with the letter. The company also sought relaxation of a subdivision service restriction, imposed by Decision No. 51804, issued August 9, 1955, in the subject proceeding, in order to be permitted to carry out the agreement.

The agreement provides, among other matters, for extension of service initially to only the five lots above mentioned, and, in view of the service restriction, is necessarily contingent upon acquisition by the company of an additional source of supply of water. The company, by letter from its counsel dated August 14, 1956, and filed in this proceeding, advised that a new well, expected to produce at the rate of from 200 to 250 gpm, is to be drilled immediately on land recently purchased by the company near the tract. Authority to serve the balance of the lots, not exceeding twenty connections including the initial five here involved, will be sought when additional source and impounding facilities become available in the area.

Because of the pressing need for service shown by a letter from Coffey, dated July 31, 1956, and filed herein on August 2, 1956, and the fact, indicated in that letter, that construction of houses in the subdivision had actually commenced prior to August 9, 1955, the date of rendition of the decision imposing the service restriction, the Commission, on August 9, 1956, adopted a resolution (Res. No. W-501) authorizing the company to carry out the terms of the agreement with Coffey. Since Decision No. 51804 restricts the company from serving new or additional subdivisions without prior authorization based on a showing of an adequate supply of water, we consider it appropriate to modify that decision by formal action, in order fully to implement the authority granted by the resolution.

We find that the company has made the necessary showing in support of its request for modification of the subdivision service restriction so as to be permitted to extend service, in accordance with its agreement with Coffey, to the five initial units of his subdivision described above.

A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that ordering paragraph 4 of Decision No. 51804 be and it is further modified by removing the service restriction therein contained to the extent of permitting Sonoma Water & Irrigation Company to furnish water service to Lots Nos. 1, 1a, 2, 3 and 4, located on the block lying north of Lake Street and west of Cedar Street in the O. M. Larson and J. Coffey Tract, in Agua Caliente, Sonoma County, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract between said company and said Coffey, and subject, also, to the terms and conditions of Resolution No. W-501, adopted by the Commission on August 9, 1956.

Except as herein modified, and as heretofore modified by Decisions Nos. 52281 and 53051 herein, said Decision No. 51804, in all other respects, shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Further good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 1956.

E. M. Dittler

President

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Commissioners