

Decision No. 56909**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Neven R. George, Dos Rios)
 Water System, to increase present estab-) Application No. 39219
 lished rates for water service.)

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Dos Rios Water System seeks, by a Petition for Modification filed May 16, 1958, authority from the Commission to modify ordering paragraphs (4) and (5) of Decision No. 56387 dated March 17, 1958.

In addition, it requests the following authorization:

- "A. Allow the utility to use its own judgment in determining what improvements should be made, in the time and selective order as seems best and most practical to the utility in regards to operational conditions and financial ability; or
- "B. The Commission to advise what work is to be done, setting the time limits for completion of same, and provide financing thru government loaning agencies, using the utility plant as collateral or thru "Donations for Construction" from the CONSUMERS; or
- "C. The Commission recommend and arrange for the people of Dos Rios to buy the utility and form a 'Mutual Water System'. Thereby circumventing laws and regulations which do not practically apply to an operation of this size and scope. Such action would greatly reduce the operational expense in the procuring of water for those who depend upon it the most."

We see no reason for departing from our views expressed in Decision No. 56732 dated May 27, 1958 regarding this utility's request for an extension of time and modification of the aforesaid paragraphs (4) and (5) of Decision 56387. Accordingly our action in both these decisions sufficiently answers the proposal presented by alternative "A". It is not this Commission's function or practice to provide financing for utilities through government lending agencies or to arrange for consumers to purchase a water system

and operate same as a mutual water company. Water users may purchase a water system and operate same outside Commission jurisdiction provided such operations come within the provisions of Section 2705 of the Public Utilities Code. This Commission, however, has no authority to require or force the consumers to buy said system; the decision to purchase must be their own. Therefore the authorization sought by alternatives "B" and "C" must likewise be denied.

O R D E R

Petition for Modification having been made and the Commission being fully advised,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Modification filed May 16, 1958 be and it hereby is denied.

This order shall be effective ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of July, 1958.

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Commissioners