

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57051

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC UTILITIES COMPANY,)	
a corporation, for an order author-)	Application No. 29413
izing it to increase rates charged)	(First Supplemental)
for water service in the City of)	
Benicia and vicinity.)	

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

California-Pacific Utilities Company, a corporation, by this first supplemental application filed May 21, 1958, seeks an order of this Commission authorizing it to revise its filed rates and charges for water service rendered in the City of Benicia and vicinity so as to eliminate certain tariff schedules no longer applicable. Applicant also seeks authority to cease the filing of monthly reports applicable to the operations of its Benicia water system as required by Decision No. 42029 herein.

Decision No. 42029, dated September 3, 1948, temporarily suspended applicant's then effective general metered service rate schedule (W-1-B) and authorized applicant to establish interim rates to cover the cost of securing an emergency supply of water in Napa County and delivering such water to applicant's customers in the City of Benicia and vicinity, Solano County. Said decision also required that applicant file monthly reports of revenues and expenses applicable to the operation of its Benicia water system.

Pursuant to authority granted by Decision No. 42029, applicant filed on September 14, 1948 two interim rate schedules applicable to domestic, commercial and industrial metered service in and about the City of Benicia. One schedule was designated Temporary Schedule No. 1 and the other, Temporary Schedule No. 2.

Temporary Schedule No. 1 was to remain in effect until and including the fifth regular monthly meter reading after the City of Vallejo commenced purchasing water from applicant at a rate of not less than 800,000 gallons per day. Temporary Schedule No. 2 was to become effective beginning with the fifth regular monthly meter reading after the City of Vallejo commenced purchasing water from applicant at the previously described rate, at which time Temporary Schedule No. 1 was to have been canceled.

Since the effective date of Decision No. 42029, applicant has been billing its Benicia customers for all domestic, commercial and industrial metered water service, except for individually metered, single family residential units, at rates set forth in Temporary Schedule No. 1.

The present rate schedule in the Benicia rate area for individually metered, single family residential units was filed by Advice Letter No. 14-W on March 3, 1951, and was made effective on April 8, 1951 by Commission Resolution No. W-391. This schedule provides for reduced rates to domestic customers in order to promote a greater use of water for the upkeep of lawns and gardens. Applicant proposes no change in this schedule.

Applicant states that it has found it necessary to import water from Napa County continuously since 1948. Further, the City of Vallejo has never purchased any water from applicant, and, to the best of applicant's knowledge, does not propose to do so. Applicant, therefore, has continuously applied Temporary Schedule No. 1 since it became effective under the authority in Decision No. 42029, and Temporary Schedule No. 2 has never become applicable.

Applicant now seeks authority to cancel its temporarily suspended tariff schedule W-1-B, Temporary Schedule No. 1 and Temporary Schedule No. 2, to make the rates set forth in Temporary

Schedule No. 1 permanent, and to cease the filing of monthly reports of expenses and revenues. In view of the fact that applicant has found it necessary to continue the importation of Napa County water for a period of nearly ten years, applicant's requests appear reasonable and will be granted.

Applicant's tariff schedules for its Benicia Division do not contain a tariff service area map for its Benicia rate zone nor do applicant's rate schedules follow the form generally on file by other water utilities subject to this Commission's jurisdiction. The order which follows will provide for the refiling of Temporary Schedule No. 1 in acceptable form, the canceling of Temporary Schedule No. 2, the permanent suspension of schedule W-1-B and the filing of a Benicia rate zone tariff service area map.

The Commission having considered the request of applicant and being of the opinion that the application should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the changes in rates and charges authorized herein are justified and that present rates, in so far as they differ from those herein prescribed, for the future are unjust and unreasonable, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1a. Applicant is authorized and directed to file in quadruplicate with this Commission within thirty days after the effective date of this order, in conformity with General Order No. 96, the schedule of rates shown in Appendix A attached hereto. Such rate schedule shall become effective upon five days' notice to the Commission and to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.

b. Concurrent with the rate schedule shown in Appendix A becoming effective, Temporary Schedule No. 1 and Temporary Schedule No. 2 be and they hereby are canceled.

2. Rate schedule W-1-B, temporarily suspended by Decision No. 42029, be and it hereby is permanently suspended.

3. Applicant is authorized to cease filing monthly reports of revenues and expenses applicable to the operation of its Benicia water system, said reports having been required by ordering paragraph 3 in Decision No. 42029 herein.

4. Applicant shall file, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, a tariff service area map for its Benicia rate zone acceptable to this Commission and in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 96. Such tariff service area map shall become effective upon five days' notice to the Commission and to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of July, 1958.

E. Lynn Fox
President
W. E. [unclear]
Walter [unclear]
Thomas [unclear]
Commissioners

APPENDIX A

Schedule No. BEB-1

Benicia Division Tariff Area

Benicia Rate Zone

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service other than for individually metered single family residential units.

TERRITORY

The City of Benicia and vicinity, Solano County.

RATES

		<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
Quantity Rates:		
First	300 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.	\$0.705
Next	700 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.635
Next	4,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.585
Next	5,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.535
Over	10,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.485
Minimum Charge:		
For	5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 1.65
For	3/4-inch meter	2.25
For	1-inch meter	3.00
For	1-1/2-inch meter	5.00
For	2-inch meter	10.00
For	3-inch meter	20.00
For	4-inch meter	35.00
For	6-inch meter	65.00

The Minimum Charge will entitled the customer to the quantity of water which that minimum charge will purchase at the Quantity Rates.