

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57160

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SATICOY WATER COMPANY for approval)
of Main Extension Agreement with)
Ondulando Highlands, a corporation.)

Application No. 38977

William T. Selby, attorney, for applicant.
Ondulando Highlands, a corporation, by Ned S. Porter,
attorney, George B. Ellis, and Howard Miller Ferguson,
interested party.
Donald B. Steger for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Saticoy Water Company, by the above-entitled application filed on April 11, 1957, seeks approval of a water main extension agreement dated March 14, 1957 between it and Ondulando Highlands, a subdividing corporation. Said agreement provides, among other things, that Ondulando shall advance to applicant the sum of \$9,607.83, which is the estimated cost of installing water facilities for 23 units in Unit No. 1 of the subdivision at Ondulando Highlands and, in addition thereto, the sum of \$16,732, which is the estimated cost of installing approximately 4,300 feet of 8-inch class 200 transite pipe from Corbett reservoir to Foothill Road, thence west to the entrance of Ondulando Highlands in the area shown on the map, Exhibit No. 1, filed at the hearing. Said area is within applicant's service area in unincorporated territory of Ventura County. Said advanced sums would be refunded to the subdivider out of 22 percent of the gross revenues from sales of water within the Highlands subdivision over a period not to exceed 20 years.

A public hearing was set for May 23, 1957, but was temporarily removed from the calendar at the request of the parties. It was reset for August 8, 1957, and was again temporarily removed from the calendar at the request of the parties upon their verbal and written statement to the Commission that the application might be withdrawn if acceptable negotiations, as to which of the contracting parties should pay the 8-inch pipe-line installation costs, were completed. By its letter dated May 22, 1958, the applicant requested that the matter be rescheduled, and a public hearing was held before Examiner Stewart C. Warner on July 11, 1958, at Los Angeles.

Although the agreement, Exhibit "A" attached to the application, heretofore referred to, constituted the consent of the contracting parties, in paragraph Four thereof Ondulando reserved agreement that the additional facilities, viz., the 4,300 feet of 8-inch pipe line, were required to provide pressure or storage exclusively required by Ondulando. The purpose of the application, therefore, was to seek a ruling by the Commission whether said additional facilities and the cost related thereto were in fact needed exclusively for the Ondulando subdivision and as such should be included in a main extension contract. Said agreement was submitted to the Commission for authorization to deviate from applicant's regularly filed Rule No. 15, Main Extensions to Subdivisions, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph X, A, of General Order No. 96.

The record shows that applicant's source of water supply for the proposed Ondulando Highlands subdivision, for the present development in the subdivision known as Ondulando Estates, and for some 5 or 6 customers along Foothill Road, is its 260,000-gallon Corbett

reservoir which is filled with water purchased from Alta Mutual Water Company, a mutual water company, and delivered by said mutual company from its Alta reservoir through a transmission line to Corbett. At the present time a 6-inch steel main extends from Corbett to Foothill Road, thence to applicant's leased Sexton reservoir, and thence to Ondulando Estates where 27 to 30 houses are being furnished water service. The proposed 8-inch pipe-line installation would parallel the 6-inch pipe line from Corbett to Ondulando Highlands.

Applicant's consulting engineer submitted as Exhibits Nos. 3 and 4, a study purporting to show water distribution facilities and requirements to serve Ondulando Estates, Ondulando Highlands, Culbertson irrigation, and Highlands irrigation, and to furnish fire protection service. Said exhibits show that a potential 154 customers in Ondulando Highlands would require 255 gallons per minute of pumping capacity on a maximum day. In addition thereto, 250 gallons per minute would be required for fire protection, and 180 gallons per minute for irrigation of 40 acres of avocados and other crops; a total requirement of 685 gallons per minute. Said exhibits show that the water storage requirements associated with adequate water service for Ondulando Highlands would be 110,000 gallons for domestic customers and 60,000 gallons for fire protection.

The record shows that Ondulando proposes to develop the Highlands as an exclusive residential area in the foothills between Saticoy and Ventura, and that homes are to be built on lots subdivided two per acre. Unit No. 1 of Ondulando Highlands will comprise 23 lots, but additional subdivision is planned to increase this number to the total of 154.

Ondulando questioned the propriety of applicant's requiring it to advance the cost of installing a large transmission pipe line to serve its subdivision which would also, it was alleged, be used to serve Ondulando Estates and five existing customers along Foothill Road. It alleged that an 8-inch pipe line would be of excessive capacity for water service to the Highlands subdivision only.

Exhibit No. 3 shows that the head loss for a 10-inch pipe line 4,300 feet in length, to serve the Highlands, would be 17 feet, and that the head loss for an 8-inch pipe line would be 50 feet.

Findings and Conclusions

After a careful review of the record, the Commission finds as a fact and concludes that an 8-inch pipe-line installation 4,300 feet in length, with a head loss of 50 feet, would not provide excessive pipe-line capacity to serve the maximum day requirements of the potential 154 customers in Ondulando Highlands, provide adequate fire protection for the exclusive residential properties, and irrigate 40 acres within the subdivision; and that consequently the costs of such facilities should be advanced by the subdivider subject to the refund provisions of the main extension agreement, Exhibit "A". Based on such finding of fact and conclusion, the Commission finds as a fact that the execution of said agreement, Exhibit "A", would not be adverse to the public interest, and that the application for authority to execute said contract should be granted. The order hereinafter made will so provide.

ORDER

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application of Saticoy Water Company, a corporation, for authority to execute the contract dated March 14, 1957, Exhibit "A" attached to the application, between said company and Ondulando Highlands, a corporation, for a water main extension to and water service facilities installations in Ondulando Highlands in unincorporated territory of Ventura County, be, and it is, granted.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall file with the Commission within thirty days after the effective date of this order, two certified copies of the contract as executed, together with a statement of the date on which the contract is deemed to have become effective.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of August, 1958.

L. Lynn Fox
President

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Commissioners

-5- Commissioner Theodore H. Jenner, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.