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Decision No. 58251

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| In the matter of the application of |) | |
| SOUTHWEST WATER COMPANY, a California |) | |
| corporation, for authority to enter |) | |
| into a main extension agreement with |) | Application No. 40787 |
| the Excelsior Union High School District) |) | |
| in its La Mirada District. |) | |

OPINION AND ORDER

Southwest Water Company, a corporation, by the above-entitled application filed February 2, 1959, seeks authorization of this Commission to carry out the terms of an agreement with Excelsior Union High School District, dated January 29, 1959, a copy of which is attached to the application, covering a main extension to La Mirada High School, now being constructed in La Mirada, Los Angeles County.

The terms of the agreement provide that the sum of \$14,559, representing the estimated cost of the installation, is to be deposited with applicant. This deposit is to be adjusted to reflect actual cost subsequent to completion of the work, and the adjusted deposit is to form the basis for refunds, in the annual amount of \$500, until the total adjusted deposit has been refunded.

The proposed main extension is stated to differ from a normal main extension in that it is to be constructed in a street which will eventually be an arterial traffic route, so that future houses adjacent to this street will face away from it and thus will not receive service directly from the subject extension. Further, it is proposed to construct a main larger than would be required for the high school alone, so that the main may be used as a major distribution line for future utility expansion.

It is stated to be applicant's belief that the proposed agreement would result in a more equitable means of extending service than if refunds were to be made under the percentage-of-revenue option set forth in applicant's filed main extension rule. Further, the agreement states that the proposed basis for refund has been agreed upon by both parties as being more fair and less complex, under the circumstances involved here, than an agreement based upon the terms of the rule.

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, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southwest Water Company, a corporation, be authorized to carry out the terms and conditions set forth in the instrument entitled "Refund Agreement," a copy of which is attached to the application herein, which instrument is made a part of this order by reference.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southwest Water Company shall file with this Commission, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, two certified copies of the agreement as executed, together with a statement of the date on which the agreement 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 7th day of April, 1959.

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Commissioners