

Decision No. 58529**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Earle C. Danell and
 Andrea G. Danell for a Certificate
 of Public Convenience and Necessity
 to Operate a Public Utility Water
 Service in an Unincorporated Area
 near the City of Hanford, County of
 Kings, State of California.

Application No. 40866
 (Amended)

Earle C. Danell and R. C. Soultis, for applicants.
George M. Minturn, City Manager, for the City
 of Hanford, protestant.
W. B. Stradley, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

This application was filed on February 19, 1959 for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a public utility water system. A public hearing was held at Hanford on April 22, 1959 before Examiner John Power and the matter was submitted.

The City of Hanford protested and included in its protest an offer to serve the area. On or about January 1, 1958, Hanford acquired its system from the California Water Service Company. The City offered to extend service under its main extension rule. This rule is identical with the rule on the same subject filed by California Water Service which had been applicable to its Hanford district.^{1/}

The service area requested is known as Tract No. 150 (Kings County) Bonneyview. It is about one-half mile south of the nearest

^{1/} California Water Service Co. was required to file its rule by Decision No. 50580 in Case No. 5501; (1954) 53 Cal. P.U.C. 490, 496, 500.

city limit of Hanford, at the intersection of Hume and Eleventh Avenues. The corner at Eleventh and Hume is approximately 700 feet from the end of a 6-inch water line maintained by the City.

The service rendered by the City of Hanford is comparable to other city-wide systems in communities of the same approximate size. Experience of many years has shown that systems of this type can more readily be depended on to provide an adequate service in the years to come than smaller systems. They have full-time staffs and can be relied on to maintain inventories and acquire equipment that smaller systems cannot afford. Working capital available will naturally be greater. Expenses will be shared by thousands rather than dozens of consumers. The construction of 700 feet of line will not burden the consumers who will live in the Bonneyview Tract. The terms of the City's main extension rule are not burdensome or unreasonable.

The Commission finds that applicants have failed to establish that public convenience and necessity require the construction and operation by them of a water system in the area referred to in this application. Accordingly, said application will be denied.

O R D E R

Application having been filed, a public hearing held, and the Commission basing its decision on the findings and conclusions set forth in the foregoing opinion,

IT IS ORDERED that Application No. 40866 be, and it is, denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of June, 1959.

E. L. Fox
President
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Commissioners

Theodore H. Jenner
Commissioners Everett C. McKeage, being
necessarily absent, did not participate
in the disposition of this proceeding.