

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 61296

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's  
Own Motion into the Service,  
Operations, Rules and Procedures  
of PACIFIC WATER CO., a corporation. }

Case No. 6387

Moss, Lyon & Dunn, by George C. Lyon, for  
respondent.  
Franklin G. Campbell, for the Commission  
staff.

O P I N I O N

Public hearing was held in this matter before  
Examiner Grant E. Syphers on May 31, 1960, at Bakersfield,  
California. On this date evidence was adduced concerning the  
Lamont System of the Pacific Water Co., and the matter was  
submitted. It now is ready for decision.

A study presented by the staff recommended that the  
company consult with an experienced water-well developer in the  
Lamont area concerning the problem of supplying additional  
water, and that certain improvements and installations should be  
made. With a growth of 50 additional customers certain additional  
installations were recommended.

The company opposed the staff's recommendation as to the  
installation of additional pipe, the deepening and redevelopment of  
an existing well, the development of a new well together with pumping  
equipment, and the erection of a new 100,000-gallon storage tank.  
A witness for the company pointed out that the earnings of this com-  
pany are too low to permit the sale of stock and that it does not  
have sufficient funds to finance these proposed improvements.

Accordingly, the company requested that it be given time to study the staff recommendations.

Subsequent to the hearing in this proceeding, Pacific Water Co. was granted an increase in rates for the Lamont System by Decision No. 60569, dated August 16, 1960, in Application No. 41529. In the staff exhibit in that proceeding, an allowance of some \$12,000 was made for additional plant in rate base to enable the company to make the necessary recommended improvements in its Lamont System. The Commission authorized the increased rates proposed by the applicant.

After consideration of all the evidence adduced herein, we find and conclude that certain improvements in the water system are desirable and should be adopted when it is practicable to do so. Therefore, in the ensuing order the company will be directed to submit a plan relative to the making of these improvements.

#### O R D E R

An order of investigation as above entitled having been filed, public hearing having been held thereon, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and hereby finding that the public interest so requires,

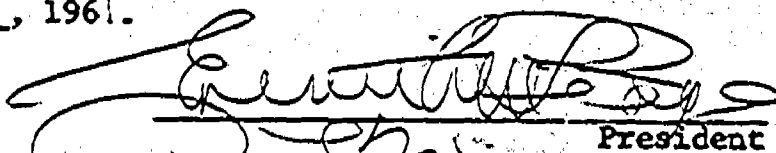
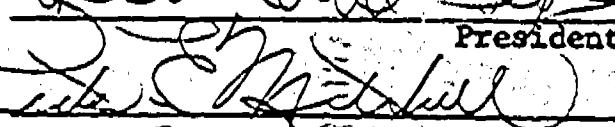
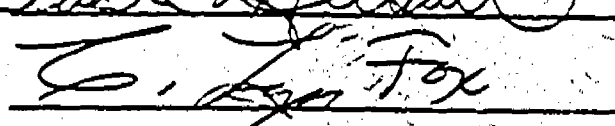
IT IS ORDERED that the Pacific Water Co., a corporation, be and it hereby is directed, in connection with its Lamont System, to submit to this Commission within 90 days after the effective date of this order a plan relative to the making of the following improvements by not later than December 31, 1961, setting out the approximate dates prior to that date when such improvements will be made:

1. The company shall show what consultations have been had with an experienced water-well developer in the Lamont area concerning the production of its wells.
2. The taking of necessary steps to keep operating pressures between 40 and 60 psi at the pressure tank or tanks.

3. The installation of 650 feet of six-inch main on Parish Avenue to connect the existing six-inch main located on Parish Avenue between Harold and Philip Streets to the existing six-inch main on Parish Avenue between Florence and Alden Streets, together with a six-inch gate valve in this 650-foot section of main and another six-inch gate valve in the existing six-inch main on Ralph Avenue.
4. The setting out of plans for increased water production either by deepening and redeveloping Well No. 5, or developing a new well, or erecting a 100,000-gallon storage tank at Well No. 4 together with an appropriate booster pump.
5. The installation of additional gate valves throughout the present distribution system.
6. Any plans the company may have to meet additional growth.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1961.

  
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