

Decision No. 61551**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COM-)
 PANY for an order granting a)
 certificate of public convenience)
 and necessity to construct or)
 extend its plant or system and to)
 render service in certain territory)
 in San Bernardino County.)

Application No. 42805

O P I N I O N

Southern California Water Company, a corporation, by the above-entitled application, filed October 27, 1960 and amended January 17, 1961 and January 27, 1961, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to extend its Highland District water system to serve a 65-acre area in unincorporated territory of San Bernardino County, shown on the map, Exhibit E, attached to the second amendment to the application. The location of this area in relation to the existing Highland service area is shown on the map, Exhibit A, attached to the original application.

A field investigation was made in connection with this application in November of 1960 by the Commission staff. The results of this investigation have been presented in a memorandum, incorporated in the record of this proceeding as Exhibit No. 1. The staff investigation also verified the factual data submitted by applicant.

Description of Area

Applicant's existing Highland service area ranges in elevation from 1,150 to 1,485 feet and has four separate pressure zones. It consists of approximately 2,500 acres in which some 1,700 customers are now being served. The average annual rate of increase in the number of applicant's customers has been 8.6 per cent during the past four years.

The area for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is herein requested is located approximately one half mile east of applicant's Highland District. Its elevation ranges between 1,598 and 1,812 feet (Exhibit No. 1). This area is to be divided into two pressure zones which are separate from the existing Highland District pressure zones. The initial development in the area for which the certificate is sought is to be limited to a 62-lot subdivision, Tract No. 5299, San Bernardino County.

Proposed System

The distribution system proposed for the new area is to be connected to applicant's Highland District water system so as to utilize two existing wells and an existing reservoir. The wells have a combined capacity of approximately 500 gallons per minute and are interconnected to a 350,000-gallon reservoir. A 200-gallon per minute booster pump is to pump water from the reservoir to the new area. Additionally, a 75,000-gallon reservoir located at a high point in Tract No. 5299 is to be acquired. This latter reservoir is to be connected directly to the system and will thus regulate system pressures by gravity. Most of the customers will be served from the gravity portion of the system; however, a booster pump will be installed to lift water from the reservoir to supply those customers located at elevations too high to receive reasonable pressure from this reservoir.

According to the application, the facilities necessary to render service in Tract No. 5299 will consist of 2,690 feet of 8-inch, 4,435 feet of 6-inch, and 1,700 feet of 4-inch steel distribution mains; 62 galvanized services, 18 fire hydrants, an approach main from the existing Highland District system, storage and pumping facilities, and meters. The estimated cost of these facilities is approximately \$64,000.

Financial Responsibility

Applicant proposes to provide for the construction of mains, approach mains, services, and hydrants with funds advanced by the subdivider pursuant to its main extension rule on file with this Commission. It intends to pay for the construction of water supply facilities and meters out of its own general funds.

Exhibit B, attached to the application, includes a copy of applicant's balance sheet as of September 30, 1960, and a comparative summary of net income. Said balance sheet shows applicant's cash on hand as of September 30, 1960, to be \$784,033, current assets (including cash) to be \$2,344,049, and current liabilities to be \$2,321,250.

Rates

Applicant proposes to apply its presently filed Highland District rates and rules to the area for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity is requested herein.

Findings and Conclusions

There appear to be no other utilities, publicly or privately owned, with which applicant is likely to compete within the area for which a certificate is requested.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion, and so finds, that public convenience and necessity requires and will require that applicant be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a public utility water system to serve the portion of San Bernardino County described in Exhibit C, attached to the application.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted hereinafter shall be subject to the following provision of law:

That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate, or enjoy such certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State as a consideration for the issuance of such certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

Applicant will be authorized by the order hereinafter to apply its presently filed Highland District rates and rules to the area certificated herein.

O R D E R

The above-entitled application having been filed, investigation having been made, a public hearing not being necessary, and the matter now being ready for decision; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Southern California Water Company to construct or extend its plant or system to render public utility water service in the area designated by the heavy black boundary on the map, Exhibit E, attached to the second amendment to the application and more particularly described in Exhibit C, attached to the original application.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that:

1.a. Applicant be and it is authorized to apply its presently filed Highland District rates and rules throughout the area certificated herein.

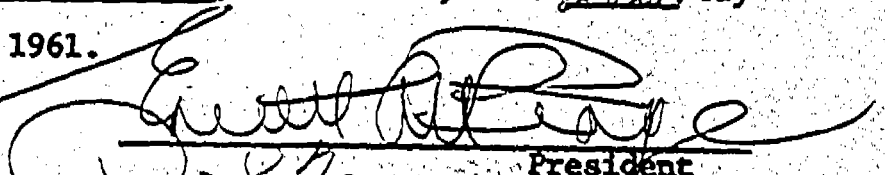
b. Applicant is authorized and directed to revise, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, in conformity with General Order No. 96, and in a form acceptable to this Commission, such of its tariff schedules, including tariff service area maps, as are necessary to provide for the application of its

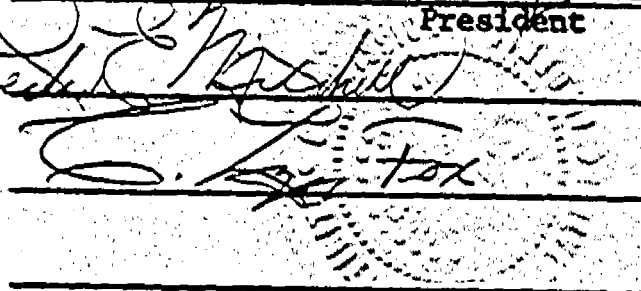
Highland District tariff schedules to the area certificated herein. Such revised tariff sheets shall become effective upon five days' notice to the public and to this Commission after filing as hereinabove provided.


2. Applicant shall file, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, four copies of a comprehensive map drawn to an indicated scale not smaller than 600 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate marking the various tracts of land and territories served; the principal water production, storage, and distribution facilities; and the location of the various water system properties of applicant in and relating to the area certificated herein.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1961.


President


S. J. Nash
for


Commissioners