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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)

PARK WATER COMPANY,
a California Corporation,for Authorization to Increase Its
Rates Charged for Water Service.

Application No. 42756

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The above-entitled application was filed October 11, 1960, by Park Water Company, a corporation, seeking authority to increase its rates charged for water service in its several operating systems in the southeastern section of Los Angeles County and in the Chino and Bloomington areas of San Bernardino County.

The Commission having been advised that the applicant had delayed submitting data to the Commission staff necessary for the staff to complete its investigation of the application, addressed a letter, dated March 31, 1961, to the applicant seeking immediate advice as to the date or dates when the data requested by the staff to be submitted to it would be so submitted.

By its letter, dated April 2, 1961, over the signature of the applicant's consulting engineer, the applicant advised, among other things, that its amended report, if any, would be completed by May 15, 1961, but requested that a review of its straight-line remaining life depreciation study, to be completed in draft

form by April 14, 1961, be made after that date by representatives of the Commission's Finance and Accounts Division so that the final depreciation calculations could be made. The applicant went on to state in said letter that after such review it would determine whether its report, filed with the application, should be amended, and would do so, if necessary, by May 15, 1961. The applicant further stated that all of its manpower would be shifted to a revenue analysis and sample of consumer use as soon as a plant analysis had been completed and had been reviewed and that the remaining data requested by the staff would be furnished by May 1, 1961, but that it had limited manpower capable of preparing the requested data and that the plant analysis, which was of a very lengthy and time-consuming nature, had made it necessary to postpone the immediate answering of all of the data requested by the staff. As of May 1, 1961, the requested data had not been submitted.

It is evident that the applicant was not prepared to proceed with its application when the instant application was filed, and it now appears that even should the applicant be able to meet its amended report deadline of May 15, 1961, an unreasonable delay in the hearing of the application, contrary to the public interest, would result. It is further evident that any amended report filed by the applicant would, necessarily, be required to be investigated thoroughly by the staff, thereby occasioning further delay in the hearing and deciding of the application.

It is found as a fact, and concluded, that the public interest requires that the application be dismissed without prejudice and that the applicant refile the application, if it so elects, when it is ready to proceed to have its application in its final form heard.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-entitled application be, and it hereby is, dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 3rd day of May, 1961.

Robert B. Long
President

C. L. Fox

George J. Grover

Fredrick B. Holcomb
Commissioners