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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation to determine whether)
 General Order No. 103 should be)
 amended by inclusion therein of)
 provisions relating to fire pro-)
 tection.)

Case No. 7178
 Filed August 22, 1961

(Appearances are listed in Appendix A)

OPINION AND ORDER

This Commission's General Order No. 103, applicable to water utilities, contains rules governing water service, including minimum standards for the design and construction of water systems. In this proceeding, the staff of the Commission proposed that said general order be amended so as to include therein provisions relating to fire protection service and minimum fire flow requirements.

Public hearings were held on November 8, 1961, at San Francisco, on November 15, 1961, at Los Angeles, and on August 27, 1963, in San Francisco. A motion to dismiss this investigation on the ground that this Commission had no authority to promulgate such a rule was denied.

Motions were made by several of the parties that this investigation be discontinued for the following reasons:

1. No showing has been made of inadequacy or need of increased pipe sizes and supply for fire protection.
2. No showing has been made as to the necessity for fire protection requirements being written into General Order No. 103.
3. Local authorities can best prescribe for local situations.

There was no opposition to the motion by any party present, nor did any party offer to make said showings.

We find that the record of this proceeding does not disclose any complaint by a municipality, district, local fire chief or representative of a fire underwriter or a rating bureau that generally or specifically California water utilities have not furnished adequate service for fire protection purposes or that the quality of fire protection is poor. Further, we find that no one has come forward at these hearings to support the recommendations of the staff. There appears to be no public demand or need for the rule envisioned by this investigation. We find that said motions should be granted and that this proceeding should be discontinued.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that said motions are hereby granted and this investigation be and it is hereby discontinued.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 1963.

Hallam B. Brunell
President

George T. Grover

Fredrick B. Holbrook
Commissioners

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LIST OF APPEARANCES

FOR THE COMMISSION STAFF:

William C. Bricca, Edmund F. Catey and David F. LaHue.

FOR RESPONDENTS:

George C. Baron, for Meyers Water Co.; McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, by A. Crawford Greene, Jr., for California Water Service Company; George W. Hasek, for Hacienda Water Co.; Ralph B. Helm, for Dominguez Water Corp.; Patrick J. Maloney, for Carpenteria Water Company; F. T. Searls, John C. Morrissey and Leland R. Selna, by John C. Morrissey and Leland R. Selna, for Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Walter G. Ramsay, for California Water & Telephone Company; John P. Vetromile, for California-Pacific Utilities Company; John A. Cunningham, for Swarthout Valley Co.; Bacigalupi, Elkus & Salinger, by William G. Fleckles, for Citizens Utilities Company of California and for California Water & Telephone Company; Arthur D. Guy, Jr., for Suburban Water Systems; Walker Hannan, for Southwest Water Co.; and Louis J. Alexander, for Southern California Water Company.

FOR OTHERS:

Louis J. Alexander, for California Section of American Waterworks Association; Les Armager, for City of Mill Valley Fire Department; Ralph B. Helm, for California Water Association; Robert H. Kearney, for California State Firemen's Association; James M. Parmelee, for Menlo Park Fire District; Ralph L. Rains, for Ukiah Valley Fire District and for California State Firemen's Association; Eldridge W. Sinclair and Jack O. Sanders, for H. Zinder & Associates; E. L. Albrecht, Sr., for California State Firemen's Association and for California Rural Fire Association; Larry Boyle, for Big Bear Lake Fire District; Lathon B. Brewer, for Los Angeles County Fire Department; Wilbur A. Coe, for Hesperia Fire Protection Association; Robert O. Curran, for City of National City; Frank Eastwood, for City of Westminster; Conrad Fanton, for Flintridge Home Owners' Association; Alan M. Firestone, for City of San Diego; Edward H. Gaylord and Gordon W. Kriegel, for County of Los Angeles; Joseph B. Geisler and Preston Turner, for City of Anaheim; Walter H. Harris, for City of Hermosa Beach; Delbert G. Higgins, for City of Huntington Beach and its Fire Department; Garth R. Lipsky, for City of Garden Grove; Jay Michael, for League of California Cities; Robert B. Rigney, for County of San Bernardino; Allan R. Schell, for City of La Verne; C. E. Sneary and Joe Leach, for City of Redondo Beach; John D. Tapping, for Ventura County Planning Commission; Don Warren, for City of Downey; K. R. Warren, for City of Whittier; Calvin Wetherbee, for California Fire Chiefs' Association; Robert L. Wilson, for City of Duarte; and V. W. Verbeck, for City of Buena Park. Rollin E. Woodbury,

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FOR OTHERS--Contd:

Harry W. Sturges, Jr., by William E. Marx, for Southern California Edison Company; Cyril Thomas, for Natomas Water Company; Albert M. Ward, for Arcade County Water District; Herbert Cameron, James T. Rostron and Virgil C. DeLap, for Los Angeles County; John A. Fulton, for Washington Water and Light Company; Graham K. Fleming, for City of San Diego; Joseph L. Lodi, for Fire Chief's Division, California League of Cities; and John Noonan, for City of South San Francisco, interested parties.