

Decision No. 66640

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION for authority to amend its special contract with Richfield Oil Corporation, Johns-Manville Products Corporation and Hancock Chemical Company and increase its rates for water service to offset applicant's increased direct costs for water.)

Application No. 45938
Filed November 4, 1963

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 64708, dated December 28, 1962, in Application No. 44565, Dominguez Water Corporation (Dominguez) was authorized to change the terms and conditions of a joint agreement between Dominguez, Richfield Oil Corporation (Richfield), Johns-Manville Products Corporation (Johns-Manville) and Hancock Chemical Company (Hancock), which agreement commenced August 1, 1960, and ends July 31, 1965.

By said Decision No. 64708, Dominguez was authorized to increase the special contract rate for water delivered in excess of two million cubic feet per month from 7 cents per 100 cubic feet to 7.56 cents per 100 cubic feet, commencing June 1, 1962; and also to charge Richfield the Central and West Basin water replenishment assessment in excess of \$5 per acre-foot on water produced from Dominguez Well No. 28 and delivered to Richfield, commencing July 1, 1962.

Due to failure of Well No. 23, Richfield, Johns-Manville and Hancock now are supplied entirely with water purchased from West Basin Municipal Water District. The cost of this water to

Dominguez was increased from \$27.50 to \$29.50 per acre-foot on January 1, 1963.

Dominguez seeks authority to increase the contract rates for water furnished in excess of 2,000,000 cubic feet per month to 8.09 cents per 100 cubic feet, effective January 1, 1963, to reimburse Dominguez for the increased cost of the purchased water. Dominguez also seeks authority to lease to Richfield, for a total of 26 months beginning April 1, 1963, the right to pump 125 acre-feet of water per month from the West Coast Basin at a rate of \$15.73 per acre-foot, with Richfield to pay all assessments levied by the Central and West Basin Replenishment District on all ground water so transferred to and pumped by Richfield.

It is alleged in the application that Richfield, Johns-Manville and Hancock have agreed to the proposed modification of the contract and that copies of this application have been mailed to each of them.

The Commission has considered the request of Dominguez and finds that the increase in the rates and charges authorized herein is justified. We conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Dominguez Water Corporation hereby is authorized to amend its contract with Richfield Oil Corporation, Johns-Manville Products Corporation, and Hancock Chemical Company, dated May 15, 1960, to provide that:

- a. The rate for water delivered in excess of two million cubic feet per month shall be increased from 7.56 cents per 100 cubic feet to 8.09 cents per 100 cubic feet commencing January 1, 1963; and

- b. Richfield Oil Corporation shall pay Dominguez \$15.73 per acre-foot for the right to pump 125 acre-feet per month from the West Coast Basin, for 26 months commencing April 1, 1963; and Richfield Oil Corporation shall pay all assessments levied by the Central and West Basin Replenishment District on all ground water transferred to and pumped by that corporation.

2. Dominguez Water Corporation shall file with the Commission, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, two certified copies of the amended agreement as executed, together with a statement of the date on which the amended agreement is deemed to have become effective.

3. Dominguez Water Corporation shall notify the Commission of the date of termination of said agreement, as amended herein, within thirty days after such termination.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of January, 1964.

William B. Bonds
President
George L. Trover
Fredrick B. Holloff
Commissioners