Decision No. 65763

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION for an order modifying applicant's special contract with HARVEY ALUMINUM (Incorporated) to increase applicant's rates for water service to offset applicant's increased direct costs for water.

Application No. 46019 Filed December 6, 1963

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 65893, dated August 20, 1963, in Application No. 44564, Dominguez Water Corporation, herein sometimes called "Dominguez", was authorized to change the terms and conditions of an agreement dated February 15, 1960 and continuing through February 28, 1965, with Harvey Aluminum (Incorporated), herein sometimes called "Harvey". That agreement as amended provides that Harvey will, effective September 1, 1963, pay a minimum charge of \$2,166 per month, and quantity rates of 11.29 cents per 100 cubic feet for the first two million cubic feet, and 8.46 cents per 100 cubic feet for all additional monthly consumption. By the application herein, Dominguez seeks authority to increase the contract rates to 12.44 cents per 100 cubic feet for the first two million cubic feet and to 9.61 cents per 100 cubic feet for all additional monthly consumption, subject to the same minimum charge, commencing January 1, 1964; and to increase the rates to 12.90 cents per 100 cubic feet for the first two million cubic feet, and to 10.07 cents per 100 cubic feet for all additional monthly consumption, subject to the same minimum charge, commencing July 1, 1964.

The reasons given for the proposed increases are that on January 1, 1963, the cost of water purchased by Dominguez from the

West Basin Municipal Water District was increased \$2 per acre-foot from \$27.50 to \$29.50, that on January 1, 1964 the cost was to be increased to \$32.50 per acre-foot, and that on July 1, 1964 it will be increased to \$34.50 per acre-foot. All of Harvey's water is supplied from a West Basin Municipal Water District connection. The increase in rates authorized by Decision No. 65893 was based on the cost of purchased water prior to January 1, 1963. The increases proposed herein directly offset the subsequent increases in cost of purchased water.

A copy of this application was mailed to Harvey, and the application states that Dominguez has conferred repeatedly with the representative of Harvey in an effort to reach agreement on an increase in the contract water rates, without success.

We have considered the request of applicant and find that the increases in rates and charges authorized in the following order are justified. We conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

- l. Dominguez Water Corporation is authorized to increase its rates for water to Harvey Aluminum (Incorporated) as follows:
 - a. For all water actually delivered during the period from January 1, 1964 to June 30, 1964:

Minimum Charge \$2,166 per month.

Quantity Rates:

First 2,000,000 cu.ft. per month, per 100 cu.ft. \$0.1244

All over 2,000,000 cu.ft. per month, per 100 cu.ft. .0961

b. For all water actually delivered after June 30, 1964:

Minimum Charge

\$2,166.00 per month

Quantity Rates:

First 2,000,000 cu.ft. per month, per 100 cu.ft.

\$0.1290

All over 2,000,000 cu.ft. per month, per 100 cu.ft.

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- 2. Except as herein modified, the written agreement between Dominguez Water Corporation and Harvey Aluminum (Incorporated), dated February 15, 1960, shall continue in effect.
- 3. Dominguez Water Corporation shall notify this Commission of the date of termination of said agreement within thirty days after any such termination.

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

Dated at San Francisco . California, this // #

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FEBRUARY , 1964.

Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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