

Decision No. 67011

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of VANDENBERG UTILITIES CO., a )  
California corporation, for a )  
certificate of public convenience )  
and necessity and for authoriza- )  
tion to deviate from its main )  
extension rules. )

Application No. 45944  
Filed November 7, 1963

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Vandenberg Utilities Co., a corporation, seeks (1) a certificate of public convenience and necessity and (2) authority to deviate from its filed main extension rule, in relation to the construction and acquisition of a main extension to serve a fire station.

Applicant serves an area near Lompoc in Santa Barbara County. The 4-acre fire station site which applicant seeks authority to serve is approximately 3,300 feet from the nearest point within applicant's certificated area.

Applicant does not propose to construct, at this time, the large main that would be required by General Order No. 103 for so long an extension. Instead, it proposes to accept as a contribution from a subdivider 2,000 feet of 2-inch galvanized pipe recently installed between applicant's Well No. 1 and the fire station. A Commission staff report, hereby made a part of the record as Exhibit 1, includes a copy of a letter from the subdivider stating that it is aware of the provisions of applicant's main extension rule and is willing to deviate therefrom as proposed herein.

Exhibit 1 shows that applicant has an adequate water supply to meet the requirements of the existing and proposed service areas.

The Commission finds that:

1. Public convenience and necessity require the construction of an extension of applicant's water system to serve the area requested herein.

2. Applicant has the financial ability and an adequate water supply to serve the area requested.

3. The contributed initial facilities are adequate to serve only the area requested herein and do not conform with General Order No. 103.

4. The deviations from applicant's main extension rule and from General Order No. 103, as authorized herein, are not adverse to the public interest.

The Commission concludes that the certificate and request for various deviations should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order and that a public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to applicant Vandenberg Utilities Co. authorizing it to construct an extension of its water system to serve the fire station site outlined in green on the map, Exhibit A to the application.

2. Applicant shall not extend service outside of its certificated areas, nor file any revised tariff service area map indicating its willingness to so extend service, without first having obtained authorization therefor by further order of this Commission.

3. After having complied with paragraph 8 of this order, and not less than five days before service is first furnished to the public under the authority granted herein, applicant shall file revised tariff sheets, including tariff service area maps clearly indicating the boundaries of the certificated areas, to provide for

the application of its present tariff schedules to the area certificated herein. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A. The revised sheets shall become effective on the fourth day after the date of filing.

4. Compliance by applicant with paragraph 3 of this order shall constitute acceptance by it of the right and obligation to furnish public utility water service within the area certificated herein. The authority granted herein shall expire unless the designated tariff sheets are filed within one year after the effective date of this order.

5. Within ninety days after having complied with paragraph 3 of this order, applicant shall file in this proceeding four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not more than 400 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the tracts of land and territory served; the principal water production, storage and distribution facilities; and the location of the various water system properties of applicant.

6. Applicant is authorized to deviate from its filed main extension rule to the extent that it may:

- a. Accept as a contribution the 2-inch pipeline from its Well No. 1 to the area certificated herein.
- b. Extend service to the area certificated herein, by means of the contributed pipeline, even though applicant's level of advances exceeds the limit prescribed by its tariffs.

7. Applicant is authorized to deviate from General Order No. 103 to the extent that it may serve the area certificated herein by means of the undersized 2-inch contributed pipeline. It may not, however, serve any additional area from that pipeline nor consider it as "the nearest utility facility" in determining the starting point for future main extensions.

8. Within one year after the effective date of this order, applicant shall file in this proceeding:

- a. A statement of the actual cost of the contributed pipeline discussed herein.
- b. A true copy of the instrument or instruments of transfer of the contributed pipeline and any other facilities needed to serve the fire station.
- c. A true copy of the deed or other instrument whereby applicant acquired the easement or right-of-way for the contributed pipeline.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of MARCH, 1964.

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President

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Commissioners

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