

Decision No. 67721

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 EDWIN S. ROUCH, CLAUDE A. ROUCH, JR.,
 ROBERT N. ROUCH and MARGUERITE R.
 MUNSON, doing business as Sequoia
 Crest Water Company, for authoriza-
 tion to extend water service into
 Tulare County Tract No. 408.

Application No. 46634
 (Filed May 24, 1964)

O P I N I O N

Applicants operate a public utility water company which is now serving Tract No. 308, as authorized by Decision No. 62390, dated August 18, 1961, in Application No. 43226. Only ten customers are now being served although all of the lots are sold. The applicants originally subdivided 23 acres as Tract No. 308 in 1961. The tract is located in the Sierras, 8 miles north of Camp Nelson, in Tulare County.

This application was filed to request this Commission to authorize an extension of water service to the 72 building sites on 28 acres in Tract No. 408, which is contiguous to Tract No. 308, and is owned and managed by an associated business firm of the applicants.

The application alleges that there is a public need for a water service in Tract No. 408 and that no other water companies are serving in the area. It further alleges that the cost of the proposed water main construction in Tract No. 408 will be \$17,053, which the subdivider will provide.

Following the filing of this application, an investigation of the applicants' present and proposed public utility water operations was made by a Commission staff engineer, who has now submitted to the Commission his report on the investigation. The staff report favors the granting of the authority sought, with the qualification that at least 20 gallons per minute additional water supply should be connected to the distribution system within two years or when the number of customers reaches 56, whichever is earlier. The report is hereby made a part of this record as Exhibit No. 1.

Based upon the record the Commission finds that:

1. The 72 building sites in Tract No. 408 will need a water service before they can be sold.
2. The applicants are developing the area which includes Tracts Nos. 308 and 408 consisting of a total of 126 lots and are now providing water service to only ten customers out of the 54 lots in Tract No. 308.
3. There is no other public utility or mutual water company service available to serve Tract No. 408.
4. The applicants should be required to provide an additional water supply within a reasonable period.
5. Applicants should be required to provide at least 20 gallons per minute additional water supply connected to the distribution system within two years or when the number of customers reaches 56, whichever is earlier.
6. Public convenience and necessity require that the applicants be authorized to provide the proposed public utility water service.

Based upon the foregoing findings the Commission concludes that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Edwin S. Rouch, Claude A. Rouch, Jr., Robert N. Rouch and Marguerite R. Munson, doing business as Sequoia Crest Water Company, authorizing them to construct an extension of their public utility water system to serve Tract No. 408, Tulare County as shown on the map attached to the application herein as Exhibit A.
2. Within one year after the effective date of this order, and not less than five days before service is first furnished to the public under the authority granted herein, if applicants intend to exercise that authority, they shall file tariff sheets, including a revised tariff service area map, to provide for the application of their present tariff schedules to the area certified herein. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A, and the additional and revised sheets shall become effective on the fourth day after the date of filing.
3. Compliance by applicants with paragraph 2 of this order shall constitute acceptance by them of the right and obligation to furnish public utility water service within Tract No. 408. The authority granted herein shall expire unless the distribution facilities shown on the map attached to the application as Exhibit A have been installed and the designated tariff sheets

are filed within one year after the effective date of this order.

4. Within ten days after the date service is first rendered to the public under the authority herein, applicants shall submit written notice thereof to this Commission.

5. If the certificate herein granted is exercised, applicants shall install and connect to their distribution system additional water supply facilities to provide 20 gpm additional water availability, such facilities to be in operation by the time the number of customers in Tracts Nos. 308 and 408 total 56, or within two years after the effective date of this order, whichever is earlier. Within ten days after such additional water supply facilities are installed, applicants shall file a written report with this Commission, showing the number of customers then served and details of the manner in which the requirements of this paragraph have been met.

6. Within sixty days after the system in Tract No. 408 is first placed in operation under the authority granted herein, applicants shall file four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not more than 200 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the tract of land and territory served, the distribution facilities, and the location of the various properties related to applicants' water system certificated herein.

7. Applicants shall not extend service outside of their certificated areas without authority first having been obtained from this Commission.

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

Dated at SAN FRANCISCO, California, this 18th day of AUGUST, 1964.

Fredrick B. Hallock
President
George L. Trover
Stella M. Bennett
Commissioners