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Decision No. 68909

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application)
of Southern California Water)
Company for a certificate that)
public convenience and necessity)
require the installation of water)
quality treatment facilities in)
connection with Folsom Lake, the)
source of water for Applicant's)
Folsom service area.)

Application No. 47061
(Filed October 23, 1964)

O'Melveny & Myers, by Donn B. Miller, for applicant.
Fred R. McLaren and Richard E. Schmiedt, for State
Department of Public Health, interested party.

O P I N I O N

This application was heard before Examiner Gillanders at Folsom on March 12, 1965, on which date it was submitted. Copies of the application and the notice of hearing were served in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules. There are no protests. Applicant requests the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct certain additions and improvements to the water quality treatment facilities used for treatment of water from Folsom Lake, which is the sole source of water supply for applicant's recently purchased Folsom service area.

Southern California Water Company renders public utility water service through 15 operating districts, located in seven California counties. Applicant also distributes electricity in San Bernardino County and conducts minor nonutility operations.

Folsom Dam and Lake, in addition to providing water supply and flood control functions, are used for recreational purposes such as swimming, boating, fishing, picknicking, and water skiing. These recreational activities create a danger of bacterial pollution. The shallow areas of the lake permit the growth of aquatic plants whose decay, along with other pollution, provides nutrients for algae and other plankton. In addition to being a source of taste and odor in water, algae cause the clogging of screening devices and filters.

Storm waters periodically wash fine silt into the lake and cause high turbidity in the water delivered to applicant's system.

Applicant's existing water treatment facilities do not consistently maintain the degree of water quality which it regards as satisfactory.

In order to maintain a satisfactory degree of water quality, applicant proposes to install the following additions and improvements to its water treatment facilities: an automatic screening device; a pipe to enclose a portion of the Natomas Canal; a rapid mix chamber; a flocculation basin; two sedimentation basins; reservoir baffles; an outlet tower; a chlorinator; chemical feeding equipment; and a chemical storage building.

Exhibit A, attached to the application, is a plan which shows these proposed improvements. Exhibit B, attached to the application, shows that the estimated cost of these facilities totals \$103,000.

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require that the application should be granted as set forth in the following order.

The certificate hereinafter granted shall be subject to the following provision of law:

The Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate, or enjoy such certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State as the consideration for the issuance of such certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

The action taken herein is for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity only and is not to be considered as a determination of the value of any property nor as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the purpose of determining just and reasonable rates.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Southern California Water Company authorizing it to install water treatment facilities in connection with Folsom Lake, as described in the application.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within one year after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of April, 1965.

Fredrick P. Holdcroft
President
George T. Trover
William B. Bennett
Commissioners