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Decision No. _____

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Doris Lynch and Jack Lynch,)
 Complainant,)
 vs)
 Cowan Heights Water Company,)
 Defendant.)

Case No. 8096
 (Filed December 31, 1964)

OPINION AND ORDER

Complainants' water bill as rendered by defendant for the month ending August 20, 1964 was \$65.49 for an alleged consumption of 29,500 cubic feet. Complainants' monthly consumption for the other months of 1964 ranged from 3,000 cubic feet in April to 9,700 cubic feet in September.

Based upon statements allegedly made by employees of defendant, complainants believe the dial register was defective on the meter which was removed from service during the week following August 20, 1964, and they estimate that 20,000 cubic feet of water for which they were billed in August was not delivered to their premises. As evidenced by a letter dated September 29, 1964, attached to the complaint, defendant refused to make an adjustment on the bill in question.

Complainants request an order setting the estimated consumption of water for the month ending August 20, 1964, at 9,500 cubic feet.

Defendant states that on December 29, 1964, all of the stock of Cowan Heights Water Company was purchased by Consolidated Water Company, that on and after that date Cowan Heights Water Company became a subsidiary of Consolidated Water Company and, as of that date, the then officers and directors of Cowan Heights Water Company resigned their respective positions and new officers and directors were elected.

Defendant states that in order to expeditiously settle this complaint on an equitable basis it will accept complainants' request that the Commission set the estimated consumption for the period in question at 9,500 cubic feet.

From a review of complainants' billed water consumption for the year 1964, it appears that complainants were billed for water in the month of August 1964 which was not received. We find that the estimated consumption of 9,500 cubic feet for the month ending August 20, 1964 is reasonable.

We conclude therefore that defendant should be ordered to adjust complainants' billing upon the basis of the above finding.

A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that Cowan Heights Water Company is directed to adjust complainants' billing upon the basis of a consumption of 9,500 cubic feet of water for the month ending August 20, 1964.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 18th day of MAY, 1965.

Frederick G. Hallock
President
Arthur E. H. H. H. H.
George H. H. H.
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Commissioners

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