

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 69269

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application for certificate of public convenience and necessity by R. W. LAND CO., a California corporation, successor to WORKMON EOMES, INC., to extend its existing water system.

Application No. 47467
(Filed April 5, 1965)

O P I N I O N

R. W. Land Co. seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct an extension of its present water system in Stockton, San Joaquin County. A Commission staff report, hereby received in the record as Exhibit No. 1, presents the results of a study of the application and a field investigation made in connection with this matter.

Applicant's present 90-acre service area consists of three adjacent subdivisions, San Ramon Terrace and Units Nos. 1 and 2 of El Dorado Village, located at the northeast extremity of the Stockton city limits. There are some 390 lots, 332 of which are occupied, and a school site. Applicant was authorized to serve the initial three subdivisions by Decision No. 52576, dated February 7, 1956, in Application No. 37266; Decision No. 62972, dated December 27, 1961, in Application No. 43266; and Decision No. 65759, dated July 30, 1963, in Application No. 45604. The latter decision prohibited further extensions without Commission authorization.

The additional area proposed to be served by applicant consists of a new subdivision, El Dorado Village, Unit No. 3, located immediately south of El Dorado Village, Unit No. 2; and a commercial area adjacent to, and west of, the new subdivision.

Unit No. 3 includes approximately 15 acres of land, subdivided into 32 lots, zoned for multifamily dwellings. The commercial area is a 5-3/4-acre parcel.

The commercial area will be served from existing mains but applicant proposes to finance the main extension to serve the additional residential lots by means of a construction advance, as provided in its filed main extension rule. The estimated cost of construction is \$10,000. When added to present outstanding advances, this would result in a total of about \$42,000. This total would constitute some 34 percent of depreciated utility plant, well below the 50 percent limitation of applicant's main extension rule, above which special authorization would be required for applicant to extend its distribution mains. Applicant estimates that sufficient revenue will be produced from the new customers, at applicant's present rates, to cover both out-of-pocket incremental expenses and refunds of advances.

Exhibit No. 1 shows that applicant's present and proposed facilities are adequate to supply the requested additional area and meet the requirements of General Order No. 103. The staff estimates that applicant's present two wells are adequate to serve about 700 residential customers. This should provide an ample supply for the approximately 420 residential lots, the school and the commercial area within applicant's proposed enlarged service area.

Exhibit No. 1 states that a San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District drainage ditch forms a natural boundary between the area served by Sierra Water Company and the area requested by applicant. North of that natural boundary, there does not appear to be any likely competition for service area between applicant and other water purveyors. The staff recommends lifting

the present restriction against applicant's expansion insofar as the area north of the ditch is concerned.

Findings and Conclusions

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. Modification of the present restriction against applicant's expansion, as set forth in the ensuing order, is not adverse to the public interest.
3. It is fair and reasonable for applicant to charge the same rates in the requested areas as it charges in its present areas.
4. The facilities proposed to be installed by applicant are adequate to serve the requested areas and conform with the requirements of General Order No. 103.

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 applicant R. W. Land Co. authorizing it to construct an extension of its public utility water system to serve El Dorado Village Unit No. 3, consisting of 32 lots and adjacent 5.76 acres in San Joaquin County as shown on the map, Exhibit A, attached to the application herein.
2. Applicant shall not extend service south of the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District drainage ditch, nor file any revised tariff service area map indicating its willingness to extend service south thereof, without first having obtained

authorization by further order of this Commission. This restriction shall supersede and replace all previous ordered restrictions on applicant's service area.

3. After the effective date of this order, applicant is authorized to file revised tariff sheets, including tariff service area maps, 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 effective date of the revised tariff sheets shall be four days 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. Within ten days after the date service is first rendered to the public under the authority granted herein, applicant shall submit written notice thereof to this Commission.

5. Within sixty days after the date service is first rendered to the public under the authority granted herein, applicant shall file with the Commission two copies of the system map required by Paragraph I.10.a of General Order No. 103.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of June, 1965.

Fredrick B. Hallock
President
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Commissioners