

Decision No. 69485**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 CONEJO VALLEY WATER COMPANY, a cor-
 poration, for authority to increase
 its rates and charges for water ser-
 vice to areas served in the vicinity
 of Thousand Oaks, Conejo Valley,
 Ventura County.

Application No. 45442

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Citizens Utilities Company of California has petitioned for reconsideration of its petition for rehearing of Decision No. 68841 and for an order vacating Decision No. 69224 which denied rehearing of said Decision No. 68841. The Commission has considered each and every allegation of the present petition and concludes that no grounds for reconsidering the petition for rehearing or vacating Decision No. 69224 are set forth.

It bears emphasis that an order fixing rates may not be amended upon the basis of an alleged change in one of the test period figures underlying the order without consistently considering all such test period figures. Furthermore, the customer estimate, which was adopted in the order fixing rates and which is challenged by the present petition, is based upon billing customers. This is a basis which the Commission has applied in the past and which both the applicant and Commission staff employed in the original hearings on this matter. It would be inconsistent to review the earlier order and change to a different

basis for estimating customers such as advanced by applicant and which is a judgment figure without also developing new water usage studies applicable to such basis upon which gross operating revenues may be projected.

IT IS ORDERED that the petition for reconsideration of the petition for rehearing and for an order vacating the order denying rehearing be, and the same is, hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of AUGUST, 1965.

[Signature] President

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Commissioners

Commissioner George G. Grover, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

I would grant the petition.

Fredrick B. Halshoff