

Decision No. 69604

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the reasonableness of Water Main Extension Rules presently effective for water utilities throughout the State, and the development of such revised extension rule as appears reasonable.

Case No. 5501

In the Matter of the Application of Suburban Water Systems, a corporation, for authority to revise its rules applicable to the new extension of distribution facilities to new subdivisions.

Application No. 40579
Amended

ORDER REOPENING PROCEEDING

Good cause appearing, it is hereby ordered that the above-entitled proceedings are reopened for the limited purpose of receiving evidence as to the desirability of:

a. Modifying Section C.3.a. of the present rule so as to place a ceiling of 35% of the outstanding refundable balance of a main extension agreement as the maximum payment that may be made by a utility for purpose of terminating such an agreement.

b. Adding a new provision to the main extension rule which would permit or require any water utility to file an amendment requiring that all in-tract facilities be financed by contributions rather than refundable advances.

c. Requiring that, unless specifically exempted by the Commission, water utilities whose advances for construction balances are in excess of 40% of depreciated utility plant, and whose main extension refunds during the preceding year exceeded 5% of gross operating revenues, file a revised main extension rule requiring contributions of in-tract facilities.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public hearing in said investigation shall be held before such Commissioner or Examiner and at such time and place as may be hereafter designated.

The Secretary is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served upon each of the respondents and to cause appropriate notice of hearing to be mailed at least ten (10) days before said hearing.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of August 1965.

Fredrick B. Holbrook
 President

George E. Traver

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Commissioners

I am opposed to the instant order. There is nothing before the Commission to justify reopening this matter.

William L. Bennett