

ORIGINALDecision No. 70294

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, rates, rules, regulations, tariff schedules, service, facilities, equipment, contracts and practices of BOUQUET CANYON WATER COMPANY.

Case No. 8228

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, rates, rules, regulations, tariff schedules, service, facilities, equipment, contracts and practices of SOLEMINT WATER COMPANY.

Case No. 8229

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 69808

Decision No. 69808, dated October 19, 1965, required, among other things, that, by January 1, 1966, respondents complete nine specific improvements to their systems and file a master plan for the overall development of their water systems.

Monthly progress reports filed in compliance with the order show that several of the improvements were completed well ahead of the prescribed deadline, that some of the facilities installed have considerably more capacity than the minimum requirements of the order, and that the total productive capacity required by the order to be available by April 1, 1966 is already available. Respondents' petition filed December 16, 1965, however, requests an extension of time for compliance with certain other requirements of the order.

Additional Storage Facilities

Compliance with paragraphs 1.(a) and 1.(h) of the order will be effected when respondents complete the

installation of their proposed Sand Canyon 2000 Zone tank, but construction of that tank requires a zone variance. A Los Angeles County Planning Commission hearing on respondents' application for the variance was set for January 27, 1966. The variance is also subject to review by the Board of Supervisors. Respondents estimate that installation of the tank can be completed within thirty days after the effective date of final approval of the variance.

We find that an extension of time to June 1, 1966, is reasonable for respondents to comply with paragraphs 1.(a) and 1.(h) of the order in Decision No. 69808. Respondents are placed on notice, however, that they will be expected to seek other means of effecting compliance if they are unable to install a tank at the site now planned.

Standby Booster Pumps

Compliance with paragraph 1.(i) of the order in Decision No. 69808 requires provision of a standby portable booster pump not dependent upon electric power. Respondents propose to install supplemental standby boosters powered by natural gas engines at individual boosting stations. In many respects, this would provide better protection against electric power or motor outages than would a portable booster.

We find that, in order to permit respondents to install better standby facilities, an extension of time to June 1, 1966, is reasonable.

Master Plan

Compliance with paragraph 4 of the order in Decision No. 69808 can be effected when respondents' consulting engineers

have completed their recommended master plan for future construction. The plan is being prepared in more detail than was anticipated by the Commission's order, and will require more time to complete.

We find that the long-range benefits of a more detailed master plan warrant an extension of time for filing of that plan. The order herein so provides.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The time limit for compliance with paragraphs 1.(a), 1.(h), 1.(i) and 4 of the order in Decision No. 69808 is extended to June 1, 1966.

2. Respondents may provide permanent standby booster pumps not dependent upon electric power at all booster stations in lieu of the portable standby booster required by paragraph 1.(i) of the order in Decision No. 69808.

3. Until June 10, 1966, respondents shall continue to file in these proceedings the monthly progress reports required by paragraph 3 of the order in Decision No. 69808.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of FEBRUARY, 1966.

Frederic B. Holdstock
President
John P. Hatch
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Commissioners