

ORIGINALDecision No. 70836

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of GREAT WESTERN WATER SERVICE, a California corporation, for an order authorizing the abandonment of several specific certificates of public convenience and necessity and/or the vacation of the previous order or orders in connection therewith in the Tullos Ranch and Kent Ranch areas in the unincorporated territory of Los Angeles County, as generally provided under Sections 851-853 of the Public Utilities Code and such other permissible Commission Rules.

Application No. 48201
(Filed January 21, 1966)

In the Matter of the Application of WARREN O. WAGNER, doing business as GREAT WESTERN WATER SERVICE, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to furnish water service in an area described as Kent Ranch in the vicinity of Lancaster and Palmdale in the County of Los Angeles.

Application No. 37874

In the Matter of the Application of GREAT WESTERN WATER SERVICE, a California Corporation, for issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity; to establish rates to serve water as a public utility water company to that property described as Section 4 and the W-1/2 of Section 3, T8N, R13W, S.B.B.&M.; to authorize the purchase of existing water production facilities located in said Section 4 and the W-1/2 of Section 3, T8N, R13W, S.B.B.&M. presently owned by the Southwest Building and Investment Company, by issuance of securities and/or notes.

Application No. 38642

OPINION AND ORDER

In Application No. 48201, Great Western Water Service seeks an order relieving it of its public utility obligations

relative to water service in two tracts near Palmdale and Lancaster, Los Angeles County.

Applicant's 1964 annual report to this Commission, hereby incorporated in the record by reference, shows that it serves approximately 100 customers in Antelope Valley, Los Angeles County. Applicant's filed tariffs, hereby also incorporated in the record by reference, indicate that the territory actually served consists of two separate areas designated "Circle-C Rancho Service Area" and "Desacres Unit No. 1", located between Littlerock and Palmdale. The tariffs also show two areas, designated Kent Ranch or Alpine Butte Tariff Area, located ten miles east of Palmdale, and Tullos Ranch or Merridale Tariff Area, located nine miles northwest of Lancaster. It is the latter two areas which are the subject of Applications Nos. 37874, 38642 and 48201.

Decision No. 56155, dated January 28, 1958, in Application No. 37874, granted applicant a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a water system to serve the Kent Ranch. The decision also authorized applicant to issue certain securities and to file certain new and revised tariff sheets covering operations in the Kent Ranch area.

Decision No. 56158, dated January 28, 1958, in Application No. 38642, granted applicant a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a water system to serve the Tullos Ranch. The decision also authorized applicant to issue certain securities and to file certain new and revised tariff sheets covering operations in the Tullos Ranch area.

Neither Decision No. 56155 nor Decision No. 56158 placed an expiration date upon the authorities granted. Except for the

filing of tariff sheets and maps, applicant has not exercised those authorities; nor has it commenced service in Kent Ranch or Tullos Ranch. The subdivider-developers of those areas have arranged for water service to be provided by Alpine Butte Water Company, a mutual.

Applicant's allegations in Application No. 48201 indicate, and we find, that (1) public convenience and necessity no longer require the construction of water systems by applicant to serve Kent Ranch and Tullos Ranch and (2) the issuance of the securities authorized by Decisions Nos. 56155 and 56158 is no longer appropriate. A report, hereby received as Exhibit No. 1 in Application No. 48201, of the Commission staff's recent investigation confirms applicant's allegations and, further, shows that the Division of Real Estate Public Reports on the Kent Ranch and Tullos Ranch tracts were all issued prior to the date applicant was authorized by the Commission to serve those areas. We conclude that the certificates and authorities granted by Decisions Nos. 56155 and 56158 should be revoked as requested by applicant. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Upon the effective date of this order, the certificates of public convenience and necessity and all other authorities granted to applicant Great Western Water Service by Decisions Nos. 56155 and 56158, dated January 28, 1958, in Applications Nos. 37874 and 38642, respectively, are revoked.

2. Within ten days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall cancel such tariff sheets, including tariff service area maps, and file such revised tariff sheets as are necessary to discontinue the application of its present tariff schedules to Kent Ranch and Tullos Ranch, Los Angeles County.

3. Upon compliance with paragraph 2 of this order, applicant shall stand relieved of all of its public utility obligations in Kent Ranch and Tullos Ranch, Los Angeles County.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of JUNE, 1966.

Frederick B. Holcomb
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Commissioners