

Decision No. 71617**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of COLCONDA UTILITIES  
COMPANY, a corporation, for itself  
and as operator of HINKLEY VALLEY  
WATER COMPANY, for emergency  
authority to establish new rates.

Application No. 47259  
(Filed January 15, 1965)

W. Paul Payne, for applicant.

John Deviney, for himself, interested party.

Hector Anninos, B. A. Peeters and Chester Newman,  
for the Commission staff.

OPINION AND ORDER

This proceeding involves the request of applicant Golconda Utilities Company for rate increases in its various service areas in Inyo, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. Various interim decisions have been rendered (1) granting interim increases for the Keeler Tariff Area in Inyo County and the Ersul Tariff Area in San Bernardino County; (2) reaffirming existing rates in the Calvert and Hinkley Tariff Areas in San Bernardino County; (3) dismissing the application with respect to the Hinkley Valley Water Company area in San Bernardino and the Kentwood in the Pines Community Association area in San Diego County, both of which systems applicant had operated temporarily but has not acquired and no longer operates; (4) adding certain flat rate categories to the Keeler and Ersul schedules and (5) establishing final rates for Keeler.

Public hearing on the remaining Ersul Tariff Area phase of this application was held before Examiner Catey in San Bernardino on September 15 and 16, 1965, and December 8, 1965. At the conclusion of the hearing on December 8, 1965, applicant requested that this phase of the application be adjourned to a future date and consolidated with an intended later application for authority to issue securities. Applicant's request was granted.

On June 22, 1966, applicant was reminded by letter, a copy of which is hereby received as Exhibit No. 29, that the financing application still had not been filed. Applicant was also requested to advise the Commission if it wished the Ersul rate matter submitted upon the present record. Applicant has neither replied to that letter nor filed its proposed application.

We find that it would be unreasonable to hold this proceeding open any longer, and that the present record does not justify authorizing a further rate increase for applicant's Ersul Tariff Area. We conclude that a final order should issue.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The interim rates authorized for applicant's Ersul Tariff Area by Decision No. 68981, dated April 28, 1965, and Decision No. 69341, dated June 29, 1965, in this proceeding, shall remain in effect as the final rates established herein for that tariff area.

2. Except for the relief granted in the foregoing Paragraph 1 and by previous orders herein, Application No. 47259 is denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of NOVEMBER, 1966.

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Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.