

ORIGINALDecision No. 71714

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Antelope Valley Water Co.)
 for a Certificate of Public Convenience)
 and Necessity Authorizing Applicant to)
 Extend Its Water System and to)
 Furnish Water Service to and within)
 362 Lots of Tract No. 1865 R/S Kern)
 County; to Operate said System as a)
 Public Utility; to Exercise Rights)
 under a County Franchise; and to)
 Approve Rates for Water Service.)

Application No. 48668
 (Filed July 25, 1966)

O P I N I O N

Applicant seeks an extension of its existing service area. Applicant is presently authorized to serve 135 lots in Tract No. 1865 R/S in Kern County unincorporated area. The tract is located in the Inyokern-China Lake-Ridgecrest area about 2 miles east of the community of Inyokern on state sign route No. 178. This highway, formerly route No. 212, had been renumbered.

A report by an engineer of the Commission's Utilities Division Hydraulic Branch will be included in the record as Exhibit No. 1. This exhibit presents the results of a study of the application and a field investigation.

Applicant having filed Application No. 38284 received its certificate in 1957. Later in that year it received a certificate to exercise a county franchise it had obtained. In 1958 by Decision No. 56561 in Application No. 39331 Antelope Valley was restricted from expansion without special authority from the Commission.

Tract No. 1865 R/S contains in all, 497 lots. Applicant's certificate covers 135 of these lots in the northeastern part of the

tract. By the instant application they seek to serve the remaining 362 lots. The developer has already signed an agreement under Antelope Valley's filed main extension rule covering 33 lots just west of the certificated area.

Applicant also seeks extension of its franchise right and approval for application of its schedule KN-1 (for measured water) to this area. This is the schedule now applicable in the present certificated area.

Antelope Valley is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dominguez Water Company. Antelope in turn owns Inyokern Water Company. To operate its systems in the Inyokern Tariff area an operator is maintained at Inyokern. Dominguez takes care of billing and administrative functions from its Long Beach Office.

The Federal Survey location of this system is Sections 26 and 27, T. 26-S, R. 39E, MDB&M. The requested area is in Section 27. The prevailing lot size is approximately one acre, with five lots along the highway on the northern (highway) side varying from 3 to 6 acres. There are 49 customers.

The supply system consists of one well and a hydropneumatic tank. The present pump of 15 hp. will produce 200 gpm but the well is capable of much more. Applicant proposed to put in a 40,000 gallon storage tank and install a booster pump during 1967.

The developer will advance \$9,833.20. This is expected to be sufficient to provide 1870 of 6-inch and 2050 feet of 4-inch class 150 asbestos cement pipe and 3 4-inch fire hydrants. In the opinion of the staff engineer (Exhibit 1) the system will meet the requirements of General Order No. 103.

As of June 30, 1966 applicant's ratio of advances for construction to depreciated utility plant was 21%.

The Commission finds that:

1. Public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.
2. Public convenience and necessity require that applicant be authorized to exercise the franchise granted to it on July 23, 1957 by Ordinance No. F47 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern.
3. Applicant and its parent company possess the financial resources to operate the proposed system.
4. The rates set forth in applicant's filed Schedule No. KN-1 are fair and reasonable for the service to be rendered.
5. Applicant's water supply and distribution facilities will provide reasonable service for the 445-acre area referred to in the following order as well as its presently certificated area and substantially meet the requirements of General Order No. 103.

The Commission concludes that the sought certificate should be granted subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the following order.'

The certificates of public convenience and necessity issued herein are subject to the following provisions of law:

1. The Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein or these certificates of public convenience and necessity, or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificates of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State or to a political subdivision thereof as the consideration for the issuance of such franchise, certificates of public convenience and necessity or right.
2. The franchise involved herein shall never be given any value before any court or other public authority in any proceeding of any character in excess of the cost to the grantee of the necessary publication and any other sum paid by it to the municipality therefor at the time of the acquisition thereof.

A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Antelope Valley Water Co. authorizing it to construct an extension of its public utility water system facilities to serve 362 lots of Tract No. 1865 R/S, Kern County, as delineated on the map, Exhibit B, attached to the application.

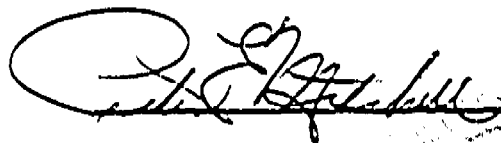
2. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Antelope Valley Water Co. to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the franchise issued pursuant to Ordinance No. F-47 adopted July 23, 1957 by the Board of Supervisors, County of Kern.

3. After the effective date of this order applicant may file revised tariff sheets including a revised preliminary statement and revised tariff service area map to provide for the application of Schedule No. KN-1 to the area certificated herein. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A and the revised tariff sheets shall become effective the fourth day after the date of filing. The authority granted herein shall expire unless the designated tariff sheets are filed within one year after the effective date of this order.

4. Within ten days after service is first furnished to the public under the authority granted herein, applicant shall file in this proceeding written notice thereof.

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

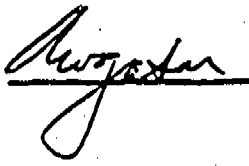
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of DECEMBER, 1966.

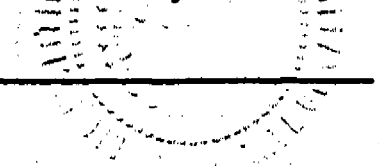


President



Frederick B. Hildbluff





Commissioners

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

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.