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Decision No. <u>72008</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER) COMPANY for an order granting it) a certificate declaring that the) public convenience and necessity) require the exercise by it of) the rights and privileges con-) ferred under the franchise granted) by Ordinance No. 1953 of the) County of Contra Costa.

Application No. 49074 (Filed January 5, 1967)

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

Southern California Water Company requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the County of Contra Costa, permitting the installation, maintenance and use of a water system in certain specified areas of said County.

By Decisions Nos. 71569 and 71638 dated November 22 and November 29, 1966, respectively, in Application No. 48772, applicant was authorized to acquire the system from Bay Water Company. On November 29, 1966, applicant herein was authorized by Resolution No. 5776 of the County of Contra Costa to acquire the franchise previously granted to Bay Water Company by Ordinance No. 1953.

The franchise is for a term of 40 years, which commenced on January 13, 1966 and is nonexclusive. A fee is payable annually to the County equivalent to 2 percent of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise.

After consideration, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of

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the right, privilege and franchise granted by Ordinance No. 1953 of the County of Contra Costa.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted is subject to the following provision of law:

The Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein or this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificate 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 grant of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

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IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Southern California Water Company to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the County of Contra Costa, by Ordinance No. 1953, adopted December 14, 1965.

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

	Dated at	San Francisco, California, this 15th
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