

ORIGINALDecision No. 73154

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 ARDEN WATER COMPANY, A California
 corporation, for authority to extend
 facilities to serve a non-contiguous
 area known as the John Beaudoin
 property located near Wofford Heights
 in Kern County.

Application No. 49436
 (Filed June 7, 1967)

O P I N I O N

This is an application by Arden Water Company which seeks authority to extend its water system to a noncontiguous area.

Applicant operates a public utility water system in an unincorporated area of Kern County called Wofford Heights. The record indicates that as of June 7, 1967, it furnished service to approximately 427 customers. The verified application avers that applicants seek authority to serve an area known as the John Beaudoin Property (approximately 2,500 feet south and west of its present service area); that the Beaudoin property consists of approximately 9 acres; that John Beaudoin has no financial connection with applicant; that there is no public utility water system operating in the immediate vicinity of the Beaudoin property; that Beaudoin had constructed on his property a private water distribution system which has 13 service connections; that the Beaudoin system has a value of \$5,640; that applicant proposes to install 2550 feet, Class 150 asbestos-cement pipe, at an estimated cost of \$8,600, to connect its present system to the Beaudoin one; that the extension is to be financed under applicant's main extension rule; that applicant and Beaudoin have agreed to treat the \$5,640 value

of the Beaudoin system as an advance, thereby making the total amount subject to refund \$14,240; that applicant presently has a water supply permit issued by the State Department of Public Health, and, if this application is granted, it will move to amend the water supply permit to apply to a well to be acquired as part of the Beaudoin facilities; that applicant has a water supply sufficient to serve its present customers and the Beaudoin property, as it is expected to be developed; and that applicant proposes to apply its presently authorized metered rates to the Beaudoin area.

The Commission staff made a field investigation in connection with this application. The report is hereby received as Exhibit I in this proceeding. The report verifies substantially all of the allegations in the application.

The Commission makes the following findings and conclusions.

Findings of Fact

1. A public hearing is not necessary in this matter.
2. Applicant possesses the financial resources to construct, acquire and operate the proposed addition to its water system.
3. Applicant's water supply and distribution facilities will be sufficient to enable it to provide reasonable service for the additional area which it seeks herein authority to serve.
4. Applicant's rates presently authorized by the Commission are fair and reasonable for the service to be rendered in the additional area for which applicant seeks herein authority to serve.
5. Public convenience and necessity require that applicant be authorized to serve the additional area for which authority is herein sought.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.
2. Applicant should, prior to the date service is first furnished to the public under the authority herein granted, apply to the health authority having jurisdiction to have its present water supply permit amended to include any additional wells which it may acquire or construct in the area which it is herein authorized to serve.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity issued herein is subject to the following provisions of law:

1. 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 issuance of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Arden Water Company authorizing it to extend its facilities to serve the area known as the John Beaudoin Property located near Wofford Heights, Kern County, which area is more particularly described in Exhibit B attached to Application No. 49436 and by this reference made a part hereof.
2. Prior to the date any service is furnished to the public under the authority granted herein, applicant shall apply to the appropriate public health authority for an amended water supply permit applicable to any additional sources of water supply in or

for the proposed extension. Applicant shall submit written notice of such application to this Commission within ten days after it is made.

3. Applicant is authorized to file revised tariff sheets, including a tariff service area map, to provide for the application of its present tariff schedules to the area which it is herein authorized to serve. The effective date of any such revised tariff sheet shall be four days after the date of the filing thereof.

4. Applicant shall notify the Commission in writing of the date service is first furnished to the public under the authority granted herein within ten days thereafter.

5. Applicant shall prepare and keep current the system map required by Paragraph I, 10.a. of General Order 103. Within thirty days after the water system, including the connecting transmission main, is placed in operation under the authority herein granted, applicant shall file two copies of such map with the Commission.

6. The certificate herein granted and the authority to render service under the rates and rules herein authorized shall expire if not exercised within one year after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 31st day of OCTOBER, 1967.

[Signature]
President

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William Sproule Jr.

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Commissioners