

Decision No. 73774

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Clyde Henry, doing business as KLAMATH WATER COMPANY for an order authorizing him to abandon public utility water system operations and be relieved of public utility obligations, in the former community of Klamath, Del Norte County, California.

Application No. 49877
(Filed December 14, 1967)

O P I N I O N

Clyde Henry has requested authority to abandon operation of his Klamath Water Company, following destruction of the water system and the community of Klamath, Del Norte County, by flood on December 23, 1964. Applicant alleges that the community has not been rebuilt since its destruction and that, as a result of government action, it cannot be reconstructed in its previous location.

The distribution system destroyed by the flood comprised some 12,000 feet of pipe serving 61 metered premises. Production facilities, consisting of a spring, wooden storage tank and some water pipe, are located on premises of John Brunello, the only former customer who continues to reside in the area once served by the utility. Applicant alleges that those production facilities should be abandoned to Brunello, and that applicant's well, located on his residential lot, should be abandoned to applicant. An electric powered well pump, applicant alleges, was removed by unknown persons.

Applicant states that John Brunello and the Board of Supervisors of Del Norte County were mailed copies of the application concurrently with its filing. No objection has been received to the granting of the requested authority.

The Commission finds that:

1. Applicant's water distribution system serving the community of Klamath, Del Norte County, and vicinity, was destroyed by flood on December 23, 1964.

2. The community of Klamath was destroyed by flood on December 23, 1964 and cannot be rebuilt at its previous location.

3. Applicant's remaining water facilities in the community of Klamath are no longer used or useful in providing public utility water service in the area of the former community of Klamath.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted and that the aforementioned production facilities and well should be disposed of in accordance with applicant's request.

A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to discontinue public utility water service in Klamath and vicinity, and all tariff schedules of applicant on file with the Commission that apply to such service are hereby canceled.

2. Applicant may relinquish and abandon to John Brunello the production facilities, mentioned in the foregoing opinion,

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located on the premises of said Brunello, and may relinquish to himself the well located on applicant's residential lot, both premises being located in the area formerly served by the Klamath Water Company.

3. Applicant is relieved of his public utility obligations in connection with the properties heretofore comprising the Klamath Water Company system at the former community of Klamath and vicinity, Del Norte County, California.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of FEBRUARY 1968.

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Commissioners