

ORIGINALDecision No. 73826

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of CALIFORNIA CITIES WATER COMPANY for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to extend its water corporation operation in the vicinity of San Dimas to Tracts Nos. 28652 and 28653, Los Angeles County.)))))))))	Application No. 49811 (Filed November 20, 1967)
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OPINION AND ORDER

California Cities Water Company, a corporation, seeks a certificate to construct an extension of its San Dimas Division water system. A Commission staff report, hereby received as Exhibit No. 1, presents the results of a study of the application and of a field investigation made in connection therewith.

Present and Proposed Areas

Applicant now provides water service within Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties, respectively, in applicant's San Dimas, Cowan Heights and Wrightwood Divisions. When applicant acquired the San Dimas Division system, the Commission continued a restriction which previously had been placed upon applicant's predecessor, prohibiting the extension of mains or service outside its prescribed service area without Commission authorization.

Applicant proposes to extend mains and service to Tracts Nos. 28652 and 28653, which tracts are located within the City of San Dimas, adjacent to applicant's present San Dimas Division system. Service to all of the 154 lots in the two tracts would constitute an increase in San Dimas Division customers of about two percent.

Proposed Additional Facilities

The developer of Tracts Nos. 28652 and 28653 plans eventually to develop other tracts nearby but is not yet prepared to proceed with the additional development. It is not feasible to install certain permanent storage, pumping and transmission or distribution facilities at this time to serve the ultimate development. Applicant proposes to install temporary facilities, for the estimated \$85,539 cost of which is to be advanced by the developer, subject to refund, except for cost of installation and removal and accrued depreciation, upon replacement with the permanent facilities.

Other distribution mains and services installed to serve the two tracts now being developed will be permanent facilities. The developer will advance the estimated \$100,630 cost of these, subject to refund pursuant to applicant's filed main extension rule.

Thirteen fire hydrants will be installed in the two tracts. The cost of the hydrants, estimated at \$6,175, is to be provided by the developer. This cost is not to be subject to refund, inasmuch as the hydrants are to be owned by the County of Los Angeles.

Water Supply and Requirements

One of the principal concerns prompting the restriction on applicant's expansion was to insure against the possibility that water requirements might exceed the available supply. The Commission staff has reviewed this aspect carefully and has concluded in Exhibit No. 1 that the water supply and facilities are adequate for existing and proposed requirements, including Los Angeles County fire flow requirements.

Findings and Conclusion

1. Public convenience and necessity require the extension of applicant's San Dimas Division water system to serve the areas set forth in the order which follows.

2. It is fair and reasonable for applicant to charge the same rates in the requested area as it charges in its present San Dimas Division area.

3. Under the financing arrangement authorized herein, applicant has the financial ability to extend its water system into the requested area.

4. The method of financing temporary facilities, as discussed herein, is reasonable under the particular circumstances.

A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1.a. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to applicant California Cities Water Company for the construction of extensions of the public utility water system in its San Dimas Division to serve Tracts Nos. 28652 and 28653 within the City of San Dimas, as shown on Appendix "A" to the application.

b. Applicant shall not extend service outside of its present service area and certificated areas, nor file any revised tariff service area map indicating its willingness to so extend service, without first having obtained authorization therefor by further order of this Commission.

2. After the effective date of this order, applicant is authorized to file revised tariff sheets, including tariff service area maps, to provide for the application of its present San Dimas Division tariff schedules, other than the measured irrigation service

schedule, to the areas certificated herein. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A. The effective date of the revised tariff sheets shall be four days after the date of filing.

3. Compliance by applicant with paragraph 2 of this order shall constitute acceptance by it of the right and obligation to furnish public utility water service within the area certificated herein. The authorities granted herein shall expire unless the designated tariff sheets are filed within one year after the effective date of this order.

4. Applicant is authorized to deviate from its main extension rule to install the temporary facilities as provided in the application. Within thirty days after entering into a contract pursuant to this authority, applicant shall submit to the Commission two copies of the contract with the developer of the tracts, covering the advance and refunding of the cost of temporary facilities described in the application.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th
day of March, 1968.

President
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Commissioners

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