

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 74411

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
WILLIAM W. STONE and FRANK W. RAMIREZ )  
to abandon the public utility water )  
system facilities of the Valley Center )  
Water Company. )

Application No. 50046  
(Filed February 26, 1968)

O P I N I O N

On February 26, 1968, William W. Stone and Frank W. Ramirez, applicants, filed this application requesting authority to abandon the public utility water system facilities of the Valley Center Water Company and to be relieved of public utility obligations. Applicants allege that there are no customers served or being served and there are no applicants for water service as is shown by the Annual Reports for 1965 and 1966. They further allege that the annual report information for 1967 will be substantially the same as in the previous years.

The report on applicants doing business as Valley Center Water Company dated May 20, 1968, which was prepared by the Commission staff engineer, is hereby made a part of the record as Exhibit No. 1. According to this exhibit the utility formerly furnished service to a total of four premises, two residences, a small church and a commercial building, all of which were located on property owned by one owner, Mr. Pilz.

The water system consists of a well, one 20,000-gallon storage reservoir, 2215 feet of 2-inch main and 1240 feet of 1-1/2-inch main, all of which are located on 20 acres now owned by

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R. J. Hartman. A 7-1/2-horsepower well pump and motor have been replaced by a 1-horsepower pump and motor which supplies the reservoir. Gravity flow from the reservoir serves the former Pilz residence which is owned and occupied by Mr. Hartman. No other service is now being furnished. The mains which supplied the other former customers have been disconnected and abandoned. These customers are now being furnished service by Valley Center Municipal Water District which serves the entire service area of applicants. If the requested authority is granted, Mr. Hartman will continue to operate the system to serve his residence. Applicants have no outstanding customer deposits nor advances for construction. The staff engineer recommended that applicants be authorized to abandon public utility water service.

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require a continuation of applicants' service. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

#### O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On the effective date of this order the operating authority and the duty to serve of William W. Stone and Frank W. Ramirez, as determined by Decision No. 68900, dated April 20, 1965, in Application No. 47435, is revoked.

2. On the effective date of this order, all maps, rates and rules on file with the Commission and covering the services referred to in the application are canceled and annulled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 1968.

William Augustus B.  
President  
William Lambert Bennett  
Augustor  
J. P. Monissey  
Commissioners

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