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Decision No. 74497

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| Application of JENSEN WATER CO., a) | |
| California corporation, to extend) | Application No. 50137 |
| service outside present certifi-) | (Filed April 3, 1968) |
| cated area.) | |

O P I N I O N

Jensen Water Company, a California corporation (applicant), requests authority to extend its water service outside of its certificated area to serve a residence located in the City of Cabazon, Riverside County, and an order that an existing restriction which prevents it from extending its service beyond its certificated area be cancelled.

The only extended service requested of applicant is to supply water for a residence and approximately 0.7 acres of land owned by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) adjacent to MWD's aqueduct. This residence is located on Elm Avenue approximately 2,200 feet north of applicant's present service area. Applicant's reservoir, which has a capacity of 100,000 gallons, will enable it to provide water thereat at an estimated 35 psi. MWD has installed a 2-inch meter, furnished by applicant, on applicant's 8-inch line located within the service area at the intersection of Elm and Adele Avenues, and has constructed a 3-inch line from the meter to the property.

Applicant has executed a written agreement¹ with MWD whereby MWD will own, operate, and maintain the 3-inch line extending from applicant's meter to the property. The parties have agreed not to allow any other party to obtain service from this line.

Applicant will charge its general metered service rates to MWD for the water supplied.

Undeveloped portions of the service areas of Cabazon County Water District and Cabazon Water Company, a public utility, border the route of the pipeline supplying the MWD property. These purveyors do not object to applicant serving the MWD property.

Applicant's sources of supply consist of two wells, Well No. 1 and the Greenblatt well, located in the northeastern portion of the service area. These wells supply the system and the reservoir floating thereon. On December 31, 1964, Well No. 1 was reported to have produced 315 gpm with a 55 psi discharge pressure, and the Greenblatt well was reported to have produced 215 gpm with a 55 psi discharge pressure.

A staff engineer made a field inspection on May 15 and 16, 1968, and found service pressures ranging from 30 to 42 psi which meet the minimum requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 103. As of May 1, 1968, applicant was providing metered service to approximately 135 customers in its service area of approximately 375 acres located within the City of Cabazon.

¹ Exhibit No. 1

The staff engineer stated² that applicant's maintenance practices have been deficient and applicant should correct the following deficiencies to protect its operating facilities and to restore the float control on its system:

(a) The gate to the Greenblatt well site has been torn from its hinges.

(b) The hasp for locking the gate to Well Site No. 1 has been pried loose.

(c) A fence approximately 5 feet high with a locked gate surrounds the storage reservoir. An extension to the fence consisting of a single strand of barbed wire has been partially removed.

(d) The control wire from the float control to the pump has been exposed at several locations and is broken at two locations.

The Commission finds that:

1. Jensen Water Company is a public utility water corporation under the jurisdiction of this Commission. It is restricted from extending its water service outside its certificated area without further order of the Commission (Decision No. 66945, dated March 17, 1964, in Application No. 45711). The service area was subsequently extended but the restriction was continued in effect (Decision No. 68671, dated March 2, 1965, in Application No. 45711, First Supplement).

² Exhibit No. 2.

By the application herein considered applicant does not propose to extend any of its services outside of its certificated area. It will deliver water to a meter in its service area and MWD will transport the water in its own facilities to the residence and land where the water will be used.

2. Applicant's water supply, storage and distribution system are adequate to enable it to furnish water to the MWD residential property, but the application fails to show any need for extending service to any other person or entity. The request for removal of the restriction against extension of the service area should be denied.

3. The agreement (Exhibit No. 1) is not adverse to the public interest and applicant should be permitted to execute said agreement and comply with the terms thereof.

4. Applicant should be required to correct the deficiencies in its system and facilities herein referred to.

5. Applicant should bill the MWD at its general metered service rates for the water furnished.

A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted insofar as services for the MWD property is concerned, subject to the conditions contained in the order herein, and in

all other respects it should be denied, said authority to be subject to the conditions of the order herein.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant may execute an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit No. 1 herein and furnish water to the Metropolitan Water District for domestic consumption at its filed general metered rates.

2. Within ten days after the effective date hereof applicant shall file two copies of the agreement (Exhibit No. 1) between it and the Metropolitan Water District as executed.

3. Within thirty days after the effective date hereof applicant shall make the following corrections or repairs to its system or facilities and file written proof thereof with the Commission:

(a) Replace the gate to the Greenblatt well site.

(b) Replace the hasp and lock the gate to Well Site No. 1.

(c) Construct or repair the fence completely around the storage reservoir.

(d) Replace the control wires from the float control on the reservoir to the pump.

4. The restrictions against extending services outside the certificated area as contained in Decisions Nos. 66945 and 68671 are continued in effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of AUGUST, 1968.

William Lyons, Jr.
President

William W. Bennett
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J. P. Manssey
Commissioners

