

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 75405

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
VANDENBERG UTILITIES CO., a Cali-)
fornia corporation, for a certifi-)
cate of public convenience and)
necessity to extend, construct and)
operate a Public Utility Water)
System.)

Application No. 50744
(Filed December 9, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Vandenberg Utilities Co., a California corporation, seeks to extend its water system to Tract No.10917, comprising approximately 22 condominium units within its presently certificated area of approximately 710 acres in Vandenberg Village and vicinity in unincorporated territory of Santa Barbara County, about four miles north of Lompoc, near the entrance to Vandenberg Air Force Base, in the area delineated on the map, Exhibit A, attached to the application. As of December 1, 1968, applicant was providing service to some 1,210 customers.

Except for a restriction placed on applicant's extending its service without further order of this Commission, the extension requested herein could be made under Section 1001 of the Public Utilities Code.

A Commission staff engineer has investigated the application and has filed a report, dated January 29, 1969, on the results of such investigation. Said report is received as Exhibit No. 1.

Exhibit No. 1 shows that applicant proposes to finance the extension to serve Tract No. 10917 by a subdivider advance of \$8,235 which would increase the ratio of advances to net plant to 59.3 percent. Applicant's balance sheet, dated November 30, 1968, shows utility plant, less depreciation reserve, to be \$328,931, and advances for construction to be \$484,925, including accrued refunds of \$99,638.^{1/} Pursuant to applicant's filed main extension rule (A.2.a.), Commission authorization for a deviation from said rule is required when the ratio of advances to net plant reaches or exceeds 50 percent of net plant.

Exhibit No. 1 also shows that applicant's operations generate sufficient net revenues, along with depreciation accrual, to pay current refunds and to reduce accrued refunds; and that the proposed system meets the requirements of General Order No. 103.

The staff recommends that prior to extending service to Tract No. 10917, applicant be required to obtain from the subdivider a written waiver of refunds of advances related to said tract until such time as the ratio of advances to net plant has been reduced below 50 percent.

^{1/} These amounts do not reflect the estimated advances for construction amounting to \$6,377 authorized by Decision No. 74525 to serve Tract No. 10750. Construction has been completed, but final costs had not been determined as of December 31, 1968.

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the application, subject to the aforesaid staff recommendation; and that public hearing is not necessary. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Vandenberg Utilities Co., subject to the conditions of this order, authorizing it to construct an extension of its water system to serve Tract No. 10917 in Vandenberg Village in unincorporated territory of Santa Barbara County, about four miles north of Lompoc near the entrance to Vandenberg Air Force Base, in the area delineated on the map attached to the application as Exhibit A.

2. Within ten days after the date service is first rendered to the public under the rates and rules authorized herein, applicant shall submit written notice thereof to this Commission.

3. Applicant shall not extend service outside of its certificated areas, or file any revised tariff service area map indicating its willingness so to extend service, without first having obtained authorization therefor by further order of this Commission.

4.a. Applicant shall obtain from the subdivider a written waiver of payment of cash refunds on amounts advanced for service to Tract No. 10917 until such time as the ratio of advances, refundable in cash, to utility plant, less depreciation reserve, is less than 50 percent. Applicant shall file a copy of said waiver with this Commission.

b. The authority granted herein shall expire unless the waiver is filed 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 San Francisco, California, this 11th day of MARCH 4, 1969.

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President

And P. Morrison

William Syms, Jr.

Thomas M. ...
Commissioners

Commissioner William Syms, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.