

Decision No. 76466

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of CORNELIUS T. CRONIN, doing)
business as Ambler Park Water)
Utility for an Order rescinding)
portions of a previous order and)
approving a main extension.)

Application No. 51250
(Filed July 16, 1969)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is the former manager and now the owner, by transfer recently authorized (Decision No. 76330, dated November 4, 1969, Application No. 51248), of the Ambler Park Water Utility which served some 141 customers, as of December 31, 1968, in the three units of Ambler Park subdivision located about nine miles southwest of Salinas, Monterey County. He requests authority to expand the service area to include a new subdivision, Rim Rock Canyon, by means of a 2,050-foot main extension along San Benancio and Harper Canyon Roads and to serve the area adjacent to the main.

A staff report of its investigation of the application, dated September 30, 1969, describes the present and proposed facilities and service, and recommends that the requested authority be granted, subject to amendment of an existing restriction against expanded service (Decision No. 66846, dated February 25, 1964, Application No. 45648) and to the Commission's review of adequacy of the water supply in any future expansion of the service area. The staff report is adopted and is included in this record as Exhibit 1.

The staff report notes that service improved under applicant's management prior to his purchase of the system, and that supply and storage capacity in the present area has been increased. Additional booster, storage and pressure facilities are planned for service to the Rim Rock Canyon subdivision, which comprises 67 lots of an average size of one acre and which will be divided into three pressure zones. Some 20 potential customers will take service from the transmission main along San Benancio Road, because the utility water supply is of better quality than well water available in the Rim Rock Canyon area.

Applicant has entered into a main extension contract with the subdivider, Rim Rock Canyon Co., a joint venture, whereby the total cost of facilities including storage tanks, distribution mains and transmission main is to be advanced by the subdivider. The contract provides for refunds to be made on special facilities under the provisions of paragraph C.2.b. of the utility's filed main extension rule which applies to intract facilities. Applicant requests deviation authority in that regard.

The main extension contract also provides that the proposed construction is to be open to bid by applicant and others, with the lowest bidder to perform the work. Applicant is hereby placed on notice that if he should be the successful bidder he can only record on the utility's books and bill the subdivider for the actual cost of construction.

Applicant proposes to apply his presently authorized meter service rates to the Rim Rock Canyon area.

The staff report, in recommending that the requested authority be granted, notes that while the proposed plant design is equal to or exceeds required minimum standards, applicant should be required to provide a second well producing water of acceptable quality before further expansion is authorized.

After consideration, the Commission finds that the proposed main extension, subject to the staff's recommendations to be included in the following order, is reasonable.

The Commission, therefore, concludes that the application herein should be granted in accordance with the provisions of the ensuing order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Cornelius T. Cronin authorizing him to extend facilities of Ambler Park Water Utility to serve within 100 feet of San Benancio Road and the area known as the Rim Rock Canyon Subdivision in Monterey County as enclosed in the red boundary on the map, Exhibit D, attached to the application.

2. Applicant is authorized to deviate from Section C.2.c. of his filed main extension rule to refund for special facilities under Section C.2.a. and b. of the rule.

3. 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 his present tariff schedules to the area authorized 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.

4. Compliance by applicant with paragraph 3 of this order shall constitute acceptance of the right and obligation to furnish public utility water service to the area covered by Rim Rock Canyon Subdivision. The authority granted herein shall expire unless the tariff filing authorized in paragraph 3 above is filed within eighteen months after the effective date of this order.

5. Within ten days after service is first furnished to the public under the authority granted herein, applicant shall file in this proceeding written notice thereof with this Commission.

6. Applicant shall not extend facilities or offer to serve any areas outside of his present service area and the area certificated herein without authority first having been obtained from this Commission. Ordering paragraph 4 of Decision No. 66846 in A. 45648 is rescinded.

7. Applicant shall prepare and keep current the system maps required by paragraph I.10.a. of General Order No. 103. Within six months after the water system is placed in operation under the authority granted herein, applicant shall file with the Commission two copies of the maps.

8. Prior to the date service is first furnished to the public under authority granted herein, applicant shall apply to the appropriate public health authority having jurisdiction for an amended water supply permit for the proposed extension and submit written notice thereof to this Commission.

As the application is unopposed, and as no reason appears for delay in making the requested authority effective, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the effective date of this decision shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of NOVEMBER, 1969.

William J. ...
President

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Yuan L. Sturgeon
Commissioners