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Decision No. 77134

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of LARKFIELD WATER COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the unincorporated subdivision of Larkfield Estates and vicinity north of Santa Rosa in Sonoma County in order to offset the increase in Federal income taxes resulting from the 10% surcharge imposed by the Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968.

Application No. 50573
(Filed September 26, 1968)

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests that the Commission ex parte authorize increased rates for water service in the unincorporated areas of Larkfield, Wikiump and Fulton in Sonoma County to offset the increase in Federal income taxes resulting from the 10 percent surcharge imposed by the Revenue and Expenditures Control Act of 1968.

Subsequent to the filing of this application the 10 percent surcharge has been reduced to a 5 percent surcharge which will be in effect for the first six months of 1970.

Good cause appearing, we find reasonable that applicant include a 0.5 percent tariff surcharge in its authorized rates until the 5 percent surcharge to Federal income taxes is removed.

The proposed rates are alleged to increase applicant's annual gross revenues \$676. We find that the surcharge herein authorized will increase applicant's annual revenues \$338.

We conclude that applicant's request should be granted in part.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that after the effective date of this order, Larkfield Water Company may file revised rate schedules Numbered 1, 4 and 5, each of which includes the following special condition:

"Until the 5 percent surcharge to Federal income tax is removed, bills computed under the above tariff will be increased by 0.5 percent."

Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A.

The effective date of the revised schedules shall be four days after the date of filing. The revised schedules shall apply only to service rendered on and after the effective date thereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st
day of APRIL, 1970.

President

J. M. Brown -
 [Signature]
 Vernon L. Sturgeon
 Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. GATOV

Present but not participating.

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