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Decision No. 77639

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS, a California corporation, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to extend its water system operations to the 485 acre Hart Ranch development, Los Angeles County.

Application No. 51429 (Filed October 17, 1969)

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The above application was filed on October 17, 1969. Applicant thereby seeks authority to extend service to a 485 acre, 703 lot subdivision known as Hart Ranch in unincorporated territory of Los Angeles County.

The Finance and Accounts Division of the Commission filed a report on March 6, 1970, in which it recommended that the application be denied without prejudice for inherent dangers in further extending applicant's limited financial capabilities.

On March 18, 1970, the Commission's Utilities Division filed a report in which it recommended that the application be denied for the reason, smong others, that there would be an operating loss after ultimate development of the Hart Ranch which would be a burden on applicant's existing customers.

A public hearing on the application was held before Examiner Rogers in Los Angeles on March 30, 1970, and the matter was taken off calendar at the request of applicant.

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On June 23, 1970, the Examiner asked the applicant to advise whether the application should be set for hearing or dismissed.

On July 20, 1970, applicant's counsel advised the Commission as follows:

"There has been a continuing exchange of views between representatives of Suburban Water Systems and the developers of the Hart Ranch property.

"It has been concluded that, insofar as the developers are concerned, Suburban is the desired water purveyor and the management of Suburban has a continuing desire to serve the area involved.

"Suburban management recognizes the positions taken by the staff divisions of the Commission and is working toward a solution of the problems presented in the staff reports.

"As the Hart Ranch developers are continuing to develop their plans but are in no immediate need of water service, it is the request of Suburban management that the above-referenced application continue in its present posture as an off-calendar, but pending, proceeding."

As it is obvious that the applicant is not ready to proceed with the application,

IT IS ORDERED that the application is dismissed without prejudice.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco California, /this day of AUGUST * , 1970. Chairman Commissioners

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