

Decision No. 79547

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of  
PALOS VERDES WATER COMPANY,  
a California Corporation,  
for general rate increases.

} Application No. 50886  
(Petition for Modification  
Filed November 19, 1971)

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 76573

Decision No. 76573 dated December 16, 1969, ordered, among other things, that applicant should proceed to carry out the planned water facility improvements as contained in its Exhibit No. 11, relating to fire protection service in the City of Rolling Hills.

Subsequent to the issuance of Decision No. 76573, control of applicant was acquired by California Water Service Company. The new management was not satisfied with the program for improved fire protection as contained in Exhibit No. 11 and devised an alternate program which is attached to the petition as Exhibit C. This program was reviewed by the City of Rolling Hills and the Fire Department of the County of Los Angeles, both of which indicated general agreement with the plan. In addition, the utility and the County Fire Department agreed to certain additional improvements as outlined in a letter from the Fire Department to the City, attached to the petition as Exhibit A.

The Commission finds that the requested modification is reasonable and concludes that it should be granted. Statements by parties who may be affected by this action on the part of the Commission show that there is no need for a public hearing in this matter and that the Commission may properly grant the relief requested on an ex parte basis.

We find that the construction program set forth as Schedules I and II of Exhibit C on the petition for modification will provide equal or greater benefits in providing fire protection service than the proposal contained in Exhibit 11 of Application No. 50886.

IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph 2 of Decision No. 76573 is modified to read as follows:

2. Applicant shall proceed to carry out the planned water facility improvements relating to fire protection service in the City of Rolling Hills contained in Exhibit C to applicant's petition for modification of Decision No. 76573, filed November 19, 1971.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1972.

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Chairman

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Commissioners