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Decision No. 79813

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHWEST WATER COMPANY, a California  
corporation, for authority to increase  
rates in its La Mirada District,  
Independence Square District. (Total  
La Mirada District)

Application No. 49706  
(Filed October 3, 1967)

ORDER REOPENING FOR FURTHER HEARING

Decision No. 74422, dated July 23, 1968, in Application No. 49706 authorized increases in rates for the La Mirada District of the Southwest Water Company and ordered and directed it to, and it did, execute a trust agreement dated September 30, 1968, (Exhibit No. 21) as a vehicle and for the purpose of accumulating, managing and accounting for a portion of said rate increase authorized for the purpose of providing against, in the words of said agreement, "an almost certain imposition in 1968 of an assessment on the San Gabriel Valley ground water" and a resulting increase in the cost of water purchased from Suburban Water Systems.

Said rates became effective on or about August 13, 1968, but no assessment has to date been imposed, for which the said additional rates were authorized and for which said trust agreement was executed.

It appears therefore that the additional costs for which said trust agreement was established and for which rates were allowed have not occurred.

Further, by letter dated February 7, 1972 applicant requests authorization to discontinue the accrual to said trust fund.


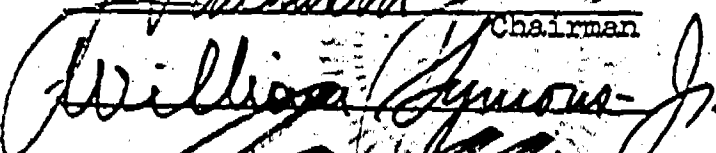

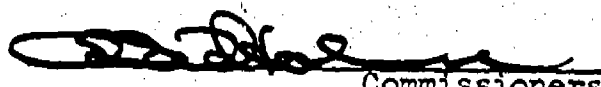
On May 26, 1971, applicant filed its Application No. 52640 for authority to increase its rates in its said La Mirada District. Public hearings were held on February 15 and 17, 1972 at La Mirada which were adjourned to a date to be set.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Application No. 49706 is reopened for further hearing consolidated herein with Application No. 52640 for the limited purpose of receiving evidence and testimony relating to the conditions for termination of the La Mirada District trust and to determine the amount and conditions of refunds to La Mirada District customers.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Application No. 49706 is reopened for further hearing consolidated with Application No. 52640. Hearing will be scheduled at a time designated by notice of the Secretary.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of MARCH, 1972.

  
Chairman  
  
  
Vernon L. Stinson  
  
Commissioners