

Decision No. 80330

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of ERSKINE CREEK WATER  
COMPANY for authority to increase  
rates for water service in the  
vicinity of Lake Isabella, Kern  
County.

Application No. 51383  
(Filed September 15, 1969;  
Amended March 4, 1970)

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Decision No. 77192, dated May 12, 1970, in this matter provided that applicant should place in service certain additions to its system for the purpose of improving service to its customers. Subject decision provided that applicant, by supplemental order, could then be authorized to file a revised schedule of rates.

By letter dated December 17, 1970, applicant requested an extension of time to submit plans and cost estimates for these improvements being prepared by its consulting engineer. This extension of time was granted by Decision No. 78218, dated January 26, 1971.

Applicant was ordered to install a forebay storage tank adjacent to the high school booster pump in order to reduce service pressure drop to customers adjacent to the booster pump. Applicant has installed a 100,000-gallon reservoir and has purchased the booster pump, distribution mains, and a 50,000-gallon tank previously owned by the school district. These acquisitions and additions have materially improved service to applicant's customers and comply with the intent of the recommendations of the Commission's staff as set forth in Exhibit No. 10 in this proceeding, and the Commission's Decision No. 77192.

Applicant has also increased the pumping capacity of its well No. 2 by 450 gallons per minute and has installed a 6-inch main across Webb Avenue, thus paralleling a 5-inch main. The results of these improvements and additions to utility plant as well as improvements in operating procedures are set forth in a tabulation summarizing 44 tests made by the Kern County Fire Department in April, 1972. These fire flow tests show that applicant has developed a capability of delivering a maximum flow of 1,425 gallons per minute or an improvement of 635 gallons per minute when compared with tests at the same locations made in 1971.

By letters dated February 4, 1971, March 24, 1971, and April 3, 1972, applicant has submitted written reports of required system betterments and improvements to service. These reports show that compliance with the intent of Decision No. 77192 has been effected. The staff has inspected the facilities concerned and concludes that they are in operation.

The Commission finds that applicant has improved the level of service to its customers and has complied with the intent of Decision No. 77192.

#### O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that applicant may file, after the effective date hereof, the revised rate schedules attached to Decision No. 77192 as Appendix A. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A. The effective date of the revised schedules shall

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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 ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st  
day of AUGUST, 1972.

Vernon L. Sturgis  
President  
William J. Jones  
John J. Williams  
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Commissioners