

Decision No. 82109

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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 Califor-)
nia corporation, for authority to)
increase its rates charged for)
water service in its La Mirada)
District of offset increased costs)
of water supplies purchased from)
SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS.)

Application No. 54111
(Filed June 18, 1973)

O P I N I O N

Southwest Water Company requests, for its La Mirada District, authority to increase its general metered service rates by 0.4 cents per 100 cubic feet over the rates requested in Application No. 53963 to offset increases in costs of purchased water supplied by Suburban Water Systems. The requested increase would add about 8 cents to the monthly bill of a typical commercial customer with a consumption of 2,000 cubic feet per month presently costing \$6.75.

Application No. 54096 filed by Suburban Water Systems requested certain offset relief. This application was granted by Decision No. 81655, effective July 31, 1973.

Applicant, a California corporation, furnishes general metered water service to approximately 10,000 customers located in the city of La Mirada and vicinity, and in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The rates for general metered service now in effect for the La Mirada District were established by Decision No. 80476 dated September 12, 1972 in Application No. 52640, as modified by Decision No. 81688 dated July 31, 1973 in Application No. 53963 (which granted offset relief regarding certain increases in costs of water supplies).

The Commission staff reviewed the information contained in this application as well as in work papers and has made an independent analysis. The results of the staff study are contained in a report dated July 11, 1973 and received herein as Exhibit 1.

The staff has determined that applicant's computations supporting the requested increase are reasonable and concludes that while the increase will offset the effect of the increased expenses previously specified, it will not produce earnings resulting in a rate of return in excess of the previously authorized rate of return of 7.3 percent for this district.

The staff recommends granting of the application. Notice of the application was given in accordance with the Commission's rules. There are no protests.

Findings

1. Since July 31, 1973, applicant has experienced certain increases in costs of purchased water supplied by Suburban Water Systems.
2. The amounts of these increases in expenses as set forth in the application and Exhibit 1 are reasonable.
3. The rate increase to be authorized will offset the effect of the increase in these expenses.
4. The rate of return produced as a result of the increases authorized will not exceed the 7.3 percent rate of return previously authorized for this district in Decision No. 80476 dated September 12, 1972.
5. The increases in rates and charges authorized herein are reasonable; and the present rates and charges, insofar as they differ from those prescribed herein, are for the future unjust and unreasonable.

A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that after the effective date of this order Southwest Water Company is authorized to file the revised rate schedule attached to this order as Appendix A. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A. The effective date of the revised schedule shall be five days after the date of filing. The revised schedule shall apply only to service rendered on and after the effective date of the revised schedule.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of NOVEMBER, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturges
President
William Lyons Jr.
W. D. Evans Jr.
John H. ...
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Commissioners

APPENDIX A

Schedule No. IM-1

La Mirada Tariff Area

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

La Mirada, Norwalk, Cerritos, Buena Park, and vicinity. Los Angeles
and Orange Counties.

RATES

Per Meter
Per Month

Service Charge:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 3.15
For 3/4-inch meter	3.30
For 1-inch meter	4.30
For 1 1/2-inch meter	8.80
For 2-inch meter	11.00
For 3-inch meter	16.00
For 4-inch meter	22.00
For 6-inch meter	33.00
For 8-inch meter	55.00

Quantity Rates:

For all water delivered, per 100 cu.ft. 0.201 (I)

The Service Charge is applicable to all metered service. It is a readiness-to-serve charge to which is added the charge, computed at the Quantity Rates, for water used during the month.