Decision No. <u>83108</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ROBERT P. CRISWELL, dba CRISWELL WATER SYSTEM, for authority to discontinue water service in Santa Clara County.

Application No. 53514 (Filed August 10, 1972)

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Robert P. Criswell, for himself, applicant. J. M. Barnes, for the Commission staff.

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

By Decision No. 80921 dated January 9, 1973, Robert P. Criswell was authorized to discontinue public utility water service near Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, subject to the condition that he filed on or before December 31, 1973, a verification from his five existing customers and one potential customer that they no longer required his service. The decision also provided that the proceeding would be reopened for further consideration if the verification was not timely filed. By Decision No. 82463 dated February 13, 1974, the matter was reopened for further hearing.

Hearing was held before Examiner Daly on June 10, 1974 at San Francisco and the matter was resubmitted. Although all parties to the proceeding received notice as to the time and place of hearing, including applicant's five existing and one potential customer, there was no protest to applicant's request to discontinue service.

Applicant introduced notarized documents from his five existing customers indicating that they no longer have need of applicant's public utility water service (Exhibit 2).

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According to the staff report (Exhibit 1), Mr. Behan, the potential customer, has sold his property and has moved out of the State. The new owners or occupants have not contacted the utility for water service and are reportedly using a private well on the property.

Applicant testified that there are no deposits for service or advances for construction refundable.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require applicant's public utility water service and concludes that applicant's application to discontinue service should be granted.

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IT IS ORDERED that Robert P. Criswell is authorized to discontinue public utility water service near Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, and he is hereby relieved of his public utility obligations.

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

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