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Decision No. 83214

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of  
California Cities Water Company,  
a California corporation, for  
authority to extend water service  
in its San Dimas District in the  
vicinity of San Dimas, Los Angeles  
County, California.

Application No. 54480  
(Filed December 3, 1973)

O P I N I O N

Applicant California Cities Water Company proposes to extend the service area of its San Dimas District into approximately 20.5 acres of additional territory adjacent to its present service area.

Under the provisions of paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b) of Decision No. 66739 dated February 4, 1964 in Application No. 45254, applicant's predecessor, San Dimas Domestic Water Company, was prohibited, except for the areas specifically referred to therein, from making extensions into contiguous property under the provisions of Section 1001 of the Public Utilities Code without further order of the Commission. Applicant is still subject to that restriction. The area to be served under the authority requested in this application does not fall within those exceptions and no authority has previously been granted applicant to extend service in this area.

The area which is the subject of this request has recently been rezoned and the property owners, Vinnell-Pauley, have estimated that there will be 14.2 acres with a potential of ten dwelling units per acre for a maximum of 142 dwelling units. The remaining 6.3 acres of the area will be used for commercial purposes and will have a potential of 40 commercial units. The Planning Commission of the City of San Dimas has studied and considered the environmental impact of the proposed development. A copy of the

approval by the Planning Commission of the City of San Dimas is attached to the application as Exhibit B.

Applicant's San Dimas District water system has an availability of 51,625 gpm, and an estimated requirement of 15,517 gpm, showing a surplus of 36,108 gpm, when using the Water Supplemental Questionnaire Computations as a basis. The requested area is within the overall Via Verde development of Vinnell-Pauley. As a sub-area of San Dimas, the Via Verde area has been analyzed and found to have a supply availability of 16,758 gpm, a requirement of 7,030 gpm and a surplus of 9,728 gpm. Applicant has the present ability to serve all customer requirements in the requested area and to provide water service in the area in conformance with the requirements of General Order No. 103.

The proposed extension will interconnect separate portions of applicant's previously authorized service area eliminating an uneconomic island effect. Applicant's existing multiple sources of supply and multiple water storage facilities will be used to serve the requested area. All in-tract facilities will be financed by main extension refund agreements in accordance with applicant's rules presently on file with the Commission. No additional personnel will be required to provide service to the requested area. Applicant proposes to furnish water service to the additional customers in the requested area at the tariff schedules for its San Dimas District and under the rules and regulations presently filed with the Commission.

Applicant's most recent balance sheet and income statement is attached to the application as Exhibit C. A review of applicant's ratio of advances for construction to its net plant investment shows that such ratios do not exceed the level where special Commission authorization is required for this extension of service.

The water purveyors closest to applicant's requested service area are the Municipal Water Department of the city of Covina and the Suburban Water Systems. Concurrently with the filing of the application, copies of the application were served by mail upon these water purveyors. No protests to the granting of the application have been filed with the Commission.

A report on this application was prepared by the Commission staff and has been made a part of the record in this proceeding as Exhibit 1. According to this report it will not be necessary for applicant to add any major above ground structures in order to provide service to the requested area. No significant impact on the environment is anticipated. The report states that the water supply and facilities are adequate for existing and proposed requirements, including fire flow, and that there no longer exists a need to maintain the restrictions imposed on service extensions within the San Dimas District of applicant.

Findings

1. Applicant's supply is adequate for its present service area and for the proposed additional service area, including fire protection.

2. The restrictions imposed on service extensions by the San Dimas District of applicant no longer need to be maintained.

3. Applicant's proposal to finance main extension construction in accordance with Rule 15 of its tariff is reasonable.

4. The proposed extension will not result in an advance in aid of construction balance which exceeds 50 percent of the net plant.

5. It is reasonably certain that the proposed extension will have no significant impact on the environment.

Conclusions

1. Applicant should be authorized to extend the service area of its San Dimas District in accordance with the application.
2. The restrictions on service extensions imposed on applicant by Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 66739 issued February 4, 1964 in Application No. 45254 should be rescinded.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to applicant California Cities Water Company to extend the water system of its San Dimas District and operate a public utility water system to serve the 20.5-acre area located on Via Verde Avenue in the vicinity of San Dimas, Los Angeles County, as shown on Exhibit A attached to the application.
2. Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 66739 issued February 4, 1964 in Application No. 45254, as well as subsequent decisions, which imposes restrictions preventing applicant from extending its water service as provided therein is rescinded.

3. Within one year after the effective date of this order, applicant shall file revised tariff sheets, including revised tariff service area maps, to provide for the application of its present San Dimas schedule, except measured irrigation service, to the area certificated herein. Such filing shall be in conformity with General Order No. 96-Series and the revised tariff sheets shall become effective on the fourth day after the date filed.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th  
day of JULY, 1974.

Vernon L. Thompson  
President  
William Symon, Jr.  
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Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.