

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 84079

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of GOLCONDA UTILITIES
COMPANY, a California corporation,
to cancel its Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity for its
CALVERT WATER SYSTEM and HINKLEY
VALLEY WATER SYSTEM and to termi-
nate service.

Application No. 54869
(Filed May 13, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Golconda Utilities Company requests cancellation of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for two of its water systems. Golconda seeks to be relieved of responsibility for water service in the certificated service areas of the two systems.

The Allegations of the Application

Golconda was granted a certificate to operate public utility waters systems in the areas involved herein by Ordering Paragraph 1 of Decision No. 67347 dated June 10, 1964 in Application No. 45772 filed September 12, 1963. The two water systems involved in this application are System No. 202 in Tract No. 6089 of San Bernardino County (Calvert System) and System No. 203, a portion of the S.E. quarter of the S.E. quarter of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, S.B.B. & M. (Hinkley Valley System). Both systems are in San Bernardino County.

Commission Decision No. 79353 dated November 22, 1971 in Case No. 9124 filed September 22, 1970 and amended November 4, 1970 authorized substantial rate increases by Golconda for water service in its Hinkley and Calvert Systems. Golconda alleges that as of April 1, 1974 the Calvert System had four active services.

The system has operated at a loss every year from 1969 through 1973. Golconda alleges that each active customer served by the Calvert System has agreed with Golconda to acquire land, wells, and pumping plant rather than pay any increased rates.

The Hinkley Valley System has operated at a financial loss each year from 1969 through 1973. As of April 1, 1974 there were no active services. After the rate relief granted by Decision No. 79353 one customer installed his own private water system and discontinued Golconda's service. The remaining active customer agreed, effective July 1, 1972, to pay power charges on Golconda pumping plant and to maintain the plant in exchange for water.

Golconda alleges that an increase in active services on either system is extremely remote.

Disposition

Golconda was requested by the staff to supply the mailing address of each customer on the Calvert and Hinkley Valley Systems. These customers have been advised that they will not be entitled to public utility water service by Golconda if the application is granted. No objections have been received in 1974.

Findings

1. Golconda Utilities Company was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate public utility water systems by Ordering Paragraph 1 of Decision No. 45772 filed September 12, 1963. The certificated area in San Bernardino County included Tract 6089 (Calvert System) and the S.E. quarter of the S.E. quarter of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, S.B.B. & M (Hinkley Valley System).

2. Golconda requests cancellation of its certificated authority to serve in the areas of the Calvert and Hinkley Valley Systems.

3. Golconda was authorized to increase its rates and charges for water service by Commission Decision No. 79353 dated November 22, 1971. As of April 1, 1974 the Calvert System had four active services. Both systems have operated at a loss every year from 1969 through 1973.

4. The customers served by the Calvert System have agreed with Golconda to acquire land, wells, and pumping plant. One customer of the Hinkley Valley System has installed a private system and discontinued Golconda service, the second customer by agreement effective July 1, 1972 has arranged to pay power charges and maintain the pumping plant in exchange for water.

5. Public convenience and necessity no longer require that Golconda be required to provide water service to the public in the areas of the Calvert and Hinkley Valley Systems.

6. The past customers in the service areas involved have been advised of the filing of this application by mail and posted notice.

7. A public hearing is not required.

8. It can be seen with certainty that no substantial environmental impact will result by granting the relief requested.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to Golconda Utilities Company to serve the areas of the Calvert and Hinkley Valley Systems is hereby cancelled. Golconda is authorized to terminate public utility water service in said areas.

2. The two service areas mentioned in paragraph 1 are located in San Bernardino County and are further described as follows: Tract 6089 (Calvert System) and the S.E. quarter of S.E. quarter of Section 26, T10N, R3W, S.B.B. & M. (Hinkley Valley System).

3. After the effective date of this order, Golconda shall cancel its presently effective tariff Schedule No. HI-1. Said cancellation shall clearly state what dedicated service area, if any, Golconda shall continue to serve in San Bernardino County.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th
day of FEBRUARY, 1975.

Harmon L. Spurgeon
President
William Spurgeon
Donald
Leonard Ross
Commissioners