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Decision No. 84638

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion to determine the feasibility of amending or revising General Order No. 103 by inclusion therein of provisions relating to fire protection standards and services to be offered by Public Utility Water Corporations or in promulgating other general orders, rules, directives or regulations relating to fire protection standards and services.	Case No. 9263 (Filed August 24, 1971)

ORDER DENYING PETITION TO MODIFY DECISION NO. 84334

In Decision No. 84334, issued April 15, 1975, we modified General Order No. 103 to provide for minimum standards for fire protection purposes.

On May 22, 1975 San Gabriel Valley Water Company filed a petition seeking modification to Decision No. 84334 with respect to the replacement of mains initiated by the utility with the related fire flow capability being in excess of the General Order No. 103 minimum standards as required by the fire protection agency having jurisdiction over the area.

As noted in the petition, the prescribed general order provides that where the replacement of mains is initiated by the utility, and the mains are useful for fire protection purposes, the mains shall be constructed at the expense of the utility and sized to accommodate the greater of the minimum fire flow prescribed in the order or the fire flow required by the fire protection agency having jurisdiction. This requirement of having the utility paying for larger facilities than required by the general order contrasts with the provisions applicable to new construction wherein

the increased cost of distribution main necessary to meet the higher fire flow requirements of the local fire protection agency are to be paid to the utility as a contribution in aid of construction.

Our consideration of all the aspects of this matter persuades us that the problems alluded to by petitioner might well be more theoretical than real and it would be best for all parties concerned to continue the order in effect for one year on a trial basis. At the end of that period, San Gabriel Valley Water can renew its petition should circumstances at that time warrant such action.

In the interim period, should the replacement of main provisions as set forth in Decision No. 84334 create a hardship on any utility, it can always file an application for a deviation to these provisions.

The Commission concludes that Decision No. 84334 in Case No. 9263 should not be modified.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that San Gabriel Valley Water Company's petition for modification to Decision No. 84334 is denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of JULY, 1975.

President

Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.