Decision No. 85279

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the Bakersfield district.

Application No. 55053 (Filed July 23, 1974; amended December 26, 1974)

And Related Matters:

Hermosa-Redondo District

Dixon District

Willows District

South San Francisco District

Oroville District.

Application No. 55065
(Filed July 29, 1974)
Application No. 55077
(Filed August 1, 1974)
Application No. 55099
(Filed August 12, 1974)
Application No. 55114
(Filed August 15, 1974)
Application No. 55115
(Filed August 15, 1974)

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PRELIMINARY OPINION

Applicant California Water Service Company seeks authority to increase rates for water service in its Bakersfield, Hermosa-Redondo, Pixon, Willows, South San Francisco, and Oroville Districts.

Public hearings were held before Examiner Peeters in Bakersfield on March 4 and 5, 1975, in Redondo Beach on March 11 and 12, 1975, in Dixon on March 17 and 18, 1975, in San Francisco on March 19 and 20, 1975, and on May 20 and 21, 1975, in Willows on

May 28, 1975, and in Oroville on May 29, 1975. Copies of the applications had been served, notices of filing of the applications had been published and mailed to customers, and notices of hearings had been published, posted, and mailed to customers, in accordance with this Commission's rules of procedure. The various proceedings were submitted upon receipt of late-filed exhibits on the following dates: Hermosa-Redondo and Dixon Districts on April 1, 1975, Bekersfield District on April 18, 1975, South San Francisco District on June 13, 1975, Willows District and Oroville District (except for consideration of a new filter plant) on June 20, 1975. All parties to the Oroville District proceeding agreed that consideration of the effect of the new Oroville filter plant would be reserved for a final decision.

Testimony on behalf of applicant was presented by applicant's president and other officers responsible for engineering, accounting, financial, and operating functions, and by a tax partner of applicant's auditors. Statements or testimony in opposition to the proposed rate increases were made by two Bakersfield District customers, by two Hermosa-Redondo District customers and a representative of the city of Redondo Beach, by two Dixon District customers and the Dixon fire chief, and by two Oroville District customers. Representatives of the city of Willows and the city of Oroville presented statements or testimony indicating their acknowledgment of the good service provided by applicant and of applicant's need for a reasonable rate of return, but pointing out their concern about rising prices. The Commission staff's presentation was made through several staff engineers and accountants.

On November 3, 1975 applicant filed a petition for a proliminary $\frac{1}{2}$ order in these six applications. The petition states

Applicant explained that it used the term "preliminary" rather than "interim" because the latter term often refers to an order issued prior to the complete submission of an application. In this instance, all of the matters covered by this decision have been submitted, some for over six months.

that the comparative exhibits filed jointly by the applicant and the Commission staff at the time of submission of each application show that the rate increases which would be authorized on the basis of the staff's final showing of results of operations for the test year 1975 range from 83 percent to 95 percent of the increase which would be authorized on the basis of applicant's final showing, with a composite of 92 percent for all six districts. Under these circumstances, applicant contends that it does not appear reasonable for the Commission to deny applicant for periods of many months the 92 percent (of maximum potential final increases) for which there are no issues to resolve, just because there are issues covering the other 8 percent. Applicant suggests that an equitable procedure would be for the Commission to issue promptly a single, relatively simple, consolidated preliminary order in the six proceedings, based upon the Commission staff's showing, and to resolve the limited number of issues in a final decision at a later date. We agree. Service Areas

Applicant owns and operates water systems in its 22 districts in California. The Bakersfield District comprises all of the incorporated city of Bakersfield, as well as adjacent unincorporated areas of Kern County. The Hermosa-Redondo District service area includes the cities of Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach and a small portion of the city of Torrance, as well as unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County adjacent to those cities. The Dixon District includes the city of Dixon and adjacent unincorporated areas of Solano County. The Willows District includes the city of Willows, as well as unincorporated areas of Glenn County which are adjacent to the city. The South San Francisco District service area generally comprises the presently improved area within the corporate limits of the city of South San Francisco. The Oroville District includes the city of Oroville and unincorporated areas of Butte County which are adjacent to the city, as well as certain lands

supplied with irrigation water from applicant's transmission canal at points considerably removed from the city.

Service

Field investigations of applicant's operations, service, and facilities in the six districts covered by these applications were made by the Commission staff. The staff concluded that, in general, service complaints received at the various district offices were quickly resolved, the number of such complaints was not excessive, and service appears to be satisfactory.

The staff's exhibits show that there have been very few informal complaints received by the Commission in recent years from applicant's customers. There was an average of less than one such complaint per year in the Bakersfield District, seven in the Hermosa-Redondo District, none in the Dixon District, less than one each in the Willows District and South San Francisco District, and three in the Oroville District.

The only customer who presented a service complaint at any of the hearings on these applications was a Dixon District customer who objected to the hardness of the water in the Dixon system. There was no contention, however, that the Dixon water exceeded the hardness limitations prescribed by federal, state, or local authorities.

Rates

Applicant proposes to increase all of its rates in these six districts applicable to metered service, flat-rate residential service, and limited flat-rate service. Applicant anticipated that, during the long period from an application filing date to a decision date there would be offset increases for changes in levels of specific expenses and change in cost of money due to the maturing of a large proportion of applicant's embedded low-cost long-term debt and the refinancing of that long-term debt at an unavoidably higher interest rate. In each of the six district applications covered by this

decision, it was emphasized that the increases requested are in addition to any such offset increases.

The following Table I presents a comparison for each of the six districts, showing applicant's rates which were in effect at the times of filing the applications (identified as "present" rates), the proposed step rates applicant set forth in the exhibit attached to the application, for the years 1975, 1976, and 1977, incremental offset increases to be added to those step rates, the resulting total requested step rates for 1975, 1976, and 1977, and the rates authorized herein.

The incremental offsets shown in Table I are covered by the following public documents, of which we take official notice:

- (1) Advice Letter No. 446 and Resolution No. W-1657 therein dated December 17, 1974, applicant's South San Francisco District purchased water offset request.
- (2) Advice Letter No. 452 and Resolution No. W-1762 therein dated July 8, 1975, applicant's Hermosa-Redondo District purchased water and Investment Tax Credit net offset request.
- (3) Advice Letter No. 459, rejected, applicant's request to discontinue public fire hydrant charges in its Dixon District and transfer the corresponding revenue requirement to General Metered Service in that district.
- (4) Application No. 55561 and Decision No. 85020 therein dated October 21, 1975, applicant's total-company refinancing offset request.

^{2/} Applicant also proposed a step for the year 1974, but the passage of time has rendered that step moot.

Although the Dixon District rate Application No. 55077 was pending when applicant filed Advice Letter No. 459, applicant explained that the separate Advice Letter request had been filed to expedite the matter. The city manager of Dixon, however, objected to the Advice Letter method, and the matter is being handled herein, where the entire Dixon District rates are under review.

| | . | <i>I</i> | | Requested | | | | | |
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| <u>Item</u> | A.55053 ^a "Present" Rates | A.55053. | ½Exh. No. 10 | , Table 12-B | Additional A.55561 Offsetb | <u> </u> | Total 1976 | 1977 | Autho- rized Rates |
| General Metered Service | | | | | | 2 2 | - | | |
| Service Charge | \$ 3.00, | \$ 3.33 | \$ 3.39 | \$ 3.45 | \$ 0.11 | \$ 3.44 | \$ 3.50 | \$ 3.56 | \$ 3.24 |
| Quantity Rate, per 100 cu.ft. | 0.135 | 0.199 | 0.202 | 0.204 | 0,005 | 0.204 | 0.207 | 0.209 | 0.184 |
| Residential Flat Rate Service | | | • | | | | | | |
| Single-family unit, including premises having area of: | - | ٠. | | | | | | | |
| 6,000 sq.ft. or less | 7.20 | 9.50 | 9.67 | 9.80 | 0.27 | 9.77 | 9.94 | 10.07 | 8.98 |
| 6,001 to 10,000 sq.ft. | 7.95 | 10.50 | 10.67 | 10.82 | 0.30 | 10.80 | 10.97 | 11.12 | 9.91 |
| 10,001 to 16,000 sq.ft. 16,001 to 25,000 sq.ft. | 10.27 13.33 | 13.57 17.62 | 13.80 17.92 | 13,99 18,15 | 0,39 0,51 | 13.96 18.13 | 14.19 18.43 | 14.38 18.66 | 12.81 16.63 |
| Each additional unit on premises | 4.63 | 6.12 | 6.23 | 6.31 | 0.18 | 6.30 | 6.41 | 6.49 | 5.78 |
| Limited Flat Rate Service | | | | | | | | | |
| Four specific, small stores, each | 5.01 | 6.22 | 6.33 | 6.41 | 0.19 | 6.41 | 6.52 | 6.60 | 6.25 |

a/ Exh. No. 6, Table 12-A.

b/ Exh. No. 8, Appendix B, Column (j) 3.79% applied to "Present" rates.

c/ Service charge for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. A graduated scale of increased charges is provided for larger meters.

d/ At \$20/AF pump tax level.

e/ At \$15/AF pump tax level.

Table I Comparison of Monthly Rates Hermosa-Redondo District

| | | 1 | ٤. | | Requested | Rates | | | |
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| | "Present" | A. 55065 | Exh. No. 7 | Table 12 | B Advice | A.55561 Offset | / | | rized |
| Item | Rates | 1975 | 1976 | | Letter 452 | Offset | 1975 | 1976 1977 | Rates |
| General Hetered Service | | x | • | | | | | | |
| Service Charge | \$3.00 | \$3.52 | \$3.62 | \$3.73 | \$0.00 | \$0.10 | \$3.62 | \$3.72 \$3.83 | \$3.36 |
| Quantity Rate per 100 cu.ft. | 0.334 | 0.393 | 0.404 | 0.414 | 0.021 | 0.012 | 0.426 | 0.437 0.447 | 0.398 |

a/ Exh. No. 7, Table 12-A.

b/ Exh. No. 8, Appendix B, Column (j) 3.33% applied to rates authorized by Resolution No. W-1762, Advice Letter 452.

c/ Service charge for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. A graduated scale of increased charges is provided for larger meters.

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| | a.55077 ⁸ / | | | | Addit | | S. 1. | | | Autho- |
| 19 Ay 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 | Present" Rates | 1975 | 1976 | Table 12-1 1977 | Advice Letter 459 | Offset b | / <u>1975</u> | 1976 | <u> 1977</u> | rized Rates |
| General Metered Service | | | | | | | | | | • |
| Service Charge | \$ 2.88 | \$ 3.58 | \$ 3.64 | \$ 4.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$0.11 | \$3.69 | \$3.75 | \$4.11 | \$3.49 |
| Quantity Rate, per 100 cu.ft. | 0.187 | 0.232 | 0.236 | 0.259 | 0.003 | 0.007 | 0.242 | 0.246 | 0.269 | 0.227 |
| Public Fire Hydra Serviced | nt — | | | •. | | | | | • | |
| First 51 hydrant minimum charge | s, 60.∞ | 60.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 | (60.00) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Each additional | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | (1,20) | 0.∞ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
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a/ Exh. No. 7, Table 12-A, and applicant's filed tariffs.

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b/ Exh. No. 8, Appendix B. Column (j) 3.76% applied to "Present" rates.

c/ Service charge for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. A graduated scale of increased charges is provided for larger meters.

d/ Advice Letter No. 459.

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| <u>Item</u> | A.55099 ^a "Present" <u>Rates</u> | A.55099, 1975 | Exh. No. 7, 1976 | Table 12-B 1977 | Additional A.55561 Offsetb | <u>1975</u> | Total 1976 | <u> 1977</u> | Authorized Rates |
| General Metered Service Service Charge | \$ 3,10 | \$ 3.72 | \$ 3.76 | \$ 3.80 | \$0.12 | \$ 3.84 | \$ 3,88 | \$ 3.92 | \$ 3.69 |
| Quantity Rate, per 100 cu.ft. | 0.222 | 0.266 | 0.269 | 0.271 | 0,008 | 0.274 | 0.277 | 0.279 | 0.265 |
| Residential Flat Rate Service | | | | • | | | | | |
| Single-family unit, including premises having area of: | | , | | | | | | | |
| 6,000 sq.ft. or less 6,001 to 10,000 sq.ft 10,001 to 16,000 sq.ft 16,001 to 25,000 sq.ft | i. 10.70 | 7.74 10.26 12.84 16.68 | 7.82 10.37 12.98 16.86 | 7.89 10.46 13.09 17.00 | 0.25 0.33 0.41 0.53 | 7.99 10.59 13.25 17.21 | 8.07 10.70 13.39 17.39 | 8.14 10.79 13.50 17.53 | 7.69 10.19 12.75 16.56 |
| Bach additional unit on premises | 5.10 | 6.12 | 6.19 | 6.24 | 0.19 | 6.31 | 6.38 | 6.43 | 6.08 |

a/ Exh. No. 7, Table 12-A.

b/ Exh. No. 8, Appendix B, Column (j) 3.82% applied to "Present" rates.

c/ Service charge for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. A graduated scale of increased charges is provided for larger meters.

| | A.551148 | / | Requested Rates Additional | | | | | | | Autho- |
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| | "Present" | A.55114. | Exh. No. 7 | 7.Table 12 | S-B YGAICE | A.55561. | <i>i</i> | Total | | rized |
| <u>Item</u> | Rates | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | Letter 446 | Offset | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | Rates |
| General Metered Service | | | | | | | | | | |
| Service Charge | \$2.66 | \$2.88 | \$2.94 | \$3.01 | \$0.00 | \$0.06 | \$2.94 | \$3.00 | \$3.07 | \$2.84 |
| Quantity Rate: | | | | | | | | | | |
| First 50,000 cu.ft. per | | | | · | | | | · | | |
| 100 cuift. | 0.279 | 0.301 | 0.308 | 0.316 | 0.027 | 0.007 | 0.335 | 0.342 | 0.350 | 0.326 |
| Over 50,000 cu.ft. per 100 cu.ft. | 0,253 | 0.273 | 0.280 | 0.285 | 0.027 | 0.007 | 0.307 | 0.314 | 0.319 | 0.299 |

a/ Exh. No. 7, Table 12-A.

b/ Exh. No. 8, Appendix B. Column (j) 2.38% applied to rates authorized by Resolution No. W-1657, Advice Letter 446.

c/ Service charge for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. A graduated scale of increased charges is provided for larger meters.

| | | / | | Req | uested Rate | 3 | | <u> </u> | |
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| | A.55115 | | | | Additional | | | | Autho- |
| Item | "Present" Rates | A.55115,1 1975 | Exh. No. 7. 1976 | Teble 12-B 1977 | A.55561 Offsetb | 1975 | Total 1976 | 1977 | rized Rates |
| General Metered Service | | | in the second | | | | | | |
| Service Charge | \$ 4.60 | \$ 5.87 | \$ 6.77 | \$ 6.97 | \$0.17 | \$ 6.06 | \$ 6.94 | \$ 7.14 | \$ 5.71 |
| Quantity Rate, per 100 cu.ft. | 0.221 | 0.282 | 0.326 | 0.335 | 0.008 | 0.290 | 0.334 | 0.343 | 0.275 |
| Residential Flat Rate Service | • | | | | | | | | ٠ |
| Single-family unit, including premises having area of: | | | | | | | a ^s | | |
| 6,000 sq.ft. or les 6,001 to 10,000 sq. 10,001 to 16,000 sq. 16,001 to 25,000 sq. | ft. 10.65 ft. 12.80 | 12.20 13.61 16.35 20.25 | 14.07 15.69 18.86 23.35 | 14.48 16.14 19.40 24.02 | 0,36 0,40 0,48 0,59 | 12.56 14.01 16.83 20.84 | 14.43 16.09 19.34 23.94 | 14.84 16.54 19.88 24.61 | 11.86 13.23 15.90 19.69 |
| Each additional unit on premises | 5.55 | 7.09 | 8.18 | 8.41 | 0.21 | 7.30 | 8.39 | 8.62 | 6.89 |
| Limited Flat Rate Servic | e | | | | | | | | |
| One specific untreated water customer | 4.15 | 4.97 | 4•97 | 4.97 | 0.15 | 5.12 | 5.12 | 5.12 | 5,12 |
| Irrigation Service (Untreated Water) | | | | | | | | • | |
| Quantity rate, per miner's inch day | 0.41 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.02 | 0.51 | 0,51 | 0,51 | 0.51 |

a/ Exh. No. 7, Table 12-A.

b/ Exh. No. 8, Appendix B. Column (j) 3.73% applied to "Present" rates.

c/ Service charge for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. A graduated scale of increased charges is provided for larger meters.

Results of Operation

Witnesses for applicant and the Commission staff have analyzed and estimated applicant's operational results. Derived in Table II, from late-filed exhibits filed jointly by applicant and the Commission staff and from the documents listed hereinbefore under the heading "Rates", are the staff's estimated results of operation for the test year 1975 under rates in effect immediately prior to issuance of this decision. For comparison, Table II also shows the corresponding results of operation under the rates authorized herein.

The temporary increase to 10 percent from 4 percent in the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) occurred after the staff's completion of the Bakersfield, Hermosa-Redondo, and Dixon exhibits but prior to completion of the Willows, South San Francisco, and Oroville exhibits. The change was therefore reflected by the staff only in the latter three exhibits.

Decision No. 85020 dated October 21, 1975 in Application No. 55561, applicant's refinancing offset proceeding, was issued subsequent to the staff's preparation of exhibits for all six districts. That decision reduced the refinancing offset for, among most other districts, the Dixon, Willows, South San Francisco, and Oroville Districts, to flow through to customers the savings due to the 10 percent ITC. This adjustment therefore duplicated the staff's ITC adjustment in the last three of the districts. This duplication is corrected in Table II.

In the Bakersfield District, Decision No. 84874 dated September 3, 1975 in Application No. 55053 was issued subsequent to the preparation of the staff exhibit. That decision granted offset increases for the imposition of a pump tax of \$15 per acrefoot, reduced to flow through the 10 percent ITC.

In the Hermosa-Redondo District, Resolution No. W-1762 dated July 8, 1975, in response to Advice Letter No. 452, was issued subsequent to the preparation of the staff exhibit. That resolution granted offset increases for increased costs of purchased water, replenishment assessments, and purchased power, reduced for the 10 percent ITC.

In the Dixon District, approval of Advice Letter No. 459 was deferred, so the request for discontinuance of charges for public fire hydrants and the concurrent transfer of that portion of the total revenue requirement, in accordance with revised General Order No. 103, is appropriately bandled herein.

In the Willows and Croville Districts, there were no offset increases except the total-company refinancing offset.

In the South San Francisco District, Resolution No. W-1657 dated December 17, 1974, in response to Advice Letter No. 446, was issued after the filing of the application but prior to preparation of the staff's exhibit. The effect of the increase in cost of purchased water and the corresponding offset increase in applicant's rates are thus reflected in the staff's exhibit.

Table II for each district starts with the staff's summary of earnings in Column (a). Changes required to reflect the aforementioned interim orders, offset decisions, offset resolutions, and corrections of duplicated adjustments are shown in subsequent columns of the tables, resulting in an updated summary of earnings in the second-from-final column. The next-to-final column shows the changes required to reflect the preliminary increases authorized herein. The final column shows the summary of earnings at the authorized rates.

Table II

Bakersfield District

Summary of Earnings - Test Year 1975

(Dollars in Thousands)

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| 24 | | A_' | 55053 | | A-555 | 561 | Consoli | |
| Line | | | | 4874 | Refinancing | g Offset | A-55053 8 | & <u>55561</u> |
| No. | Item | Exhibit 24 | Changes | Total | Changes | Total | Changes | Total |
| | | (a) | (5) | (c) | (<u>a</u>) | (e) | (<u>f</u>) | (E) |
| | Operating Revenues | • | | | | | * * * * * * | 1 |
| | Metered | \$ 1,307-9 | \$230.0 . | \$ 1,537.9 | \$ 50-2 - 3 | \$ 1.588.1 | \$ 72.6 | \$ 1,660.7 |
| | Commercial flat rate | 3,003-2 | 466-3 | 3,469.5 | 113.2 | | 163-7 | 3-746-4 |
| | Fire protection & misc. | 62-6 | 0.0 | 62.6 | 0.0 | 62-6 | | 62.6 |
| 18 | Total Revenues | 4,373-7 | 696.3 | 5,070-0 | 163.4 | | 236.3 | 5,469-7 |
| 19 | Operating Expenses: | | | | | e de la companya de La companya de la co | | |
| 20` | Operation & maintenance | 2,195-4 | 0.0 | 2,195-4 | 0-0 | 2,195-4 | . 0.0 | 2,195-4 |
| 21 | Administrative & general | 70.9 | 0.0 | 70-9 | 0-0 | 70-9 | | 70.9 |
| - 22 | Miscellaneous | 10-1 | 0.0 | 10-1 | 0.0 | 10-1 | | 10.1 |
| 23 | Taxes other than income | 532.5 | 8-8 | 541-3 | 2-1 | 543-4 | | 546-4 |
| 24 | Depreciation | 455-5 | 0.0 | 455-5 | 0.0 | 455-5 | | 455-5 |
| 25 | SIT amortization | 5.6 | 0.0 | 5-6 | 0.0 | 5-6 | | 5.6 |
| 26 | Allocated Expenses | 313.4 | 0.0 | 313-4 | 0.0 | 313-4 | | 313-4 |
| 27 | Sub-Total | 3,583.4 | 8.8 | 3,592.2 | 2.1 | 3,594-3 | | 3,597-3 |
| | Income taxes incl.4% inv. cr | r. 38.5 | 362.2 | 400-7 | 0.0 | 400.7 | | 523-6 |
| | Adjustment to 10% inv. cr. | 0.0 | (28.0) | | | (28.0) | | (28.0) |
| 28 | Total Income Taxes | 38.5 | 334-2 | 372-7 | 0.0 | | 122.9 | 495-6 |
| 29 | Total operating expenses | 3,621.9 | 343-0 | 3,964-9 | 2.1 | 3,967-0 | 125-9 | 4,092-9 |
| 30° | Net Operating Revenues | 751.8 | 353-3 | 1,105-1 | 161.3 | 1,266.4 | 770-4 | 1,376-8 |
| 31 | Depreciated Rate Base | 14,401-3 | 0.0 | 14,401.3 | 0-0 | 14,401-3 | 3 0-0 | 14,401-3 |
| | Rate of Return | | | | | | | |
| | Before attrition adjustment | | 2-459 | | | 8.7 | 79% 0-77% | 5 9:56% |
| | Attrition adjustment | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| 32 | After attrition adjustment | 5-22% | 2-459 | | | | 79% - 0-77% | |
| | • | * | | • | | | | |

- (a) Staff's estimates which were summarized on applicant and staff joint Exhibit No. 24, page 1 of 3, Column (j).
- (b) Effect of Decision No. 84874 dated September 3, 1975 which gave consideration to (1) Kern County Water Agency pump tax which became effective July 1, 1975 and (2) increase in Investment Tax Credit at the 10% level using staff's method.
- (c) Summary of earnings adopted (adjusted for some minor mathematical errors); also derived by adding Columns (a) and (b) of this table.
- (d) Required rate relief recommended by staff in Application No. 55561 to offset higher interest due to refinancing. The increase in Investment Tax Credit has been considered in Decision No. 84874. The gross revenue increase is 3.22% based upon total revenues and 3.26% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (e) Summary of earnings after refinancing consisting of the sum of Columns (c) and (d) of this table.
- (f) Additional increase required to yield the rate of return which is the lower end of the range recommended by the staff. The gross revenue increase is 4.52% based upon total revenues in Column (e) and 4.57% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues in Column (e) of this table.
- (g) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (e) and (f) of this table.

Table II

Hermosa-Redondo District

Summary of Earnings - Test Year 1975

(Dollars in Thousands)

| W-1762 A-55561 No. 452 Refinancing Offset Consolidated Total Changes Total Changes Total (c) \$\frac{1}{(c)}\$ \$ |
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| 37-8 0-0 37-8 0-0 37-8 |
| 7-9 0-0 7-9 0-0 7-9 |
| 289-4 0-1 289-5 0-2 289-7 |
| 228.2 0.0 228.2 0.0 228.2 |
| 3-5 0-0 3-5 0-0 3-5 |
| 200.1 0.0 200.1 0.0 200.1 |
| ,225-1 0-1 2,225-2 0-2 2,225-4 |
| 162-7 0-0 162-7 134-4 297-1 |
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| 133-7 0-0 133-7 134-4 268-1 |
| ,358.8 0.1 2,358.9 134.6 2,493.5 |
| 643-5 97-7 741-2 120-7 861-9 |
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- (a) Staff's estimates which were summarized on applicant and staff joint Exhibit No. 14, page 1 of 3, Column (f).
- (b) Effect of Commission Resolution No. W-1762 which gave consideration to (1) increase in MWD rates for purchased water and CWBWRD rates for replenishment assessments which became effective July 1, 1975, (2) one-tenth mill surcharge on electric power, and (3) increase in Investment Tax Credit at the 10% level using staff's method.
- (c) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (a) and (b) of this table and summary in Advice Letter 452.
- (d) Required rate relief recommended by staff in Application No. 55561 to offset higher interest due to refinancing the increase of Investment Tax Credit has been considered in Resolution No. W-1762. The gross revenue increase is 3.26% based upon total revenues and 3.33% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (e) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (c) and (d) of this table.
- (f) Additional increase required to yield the rate of return which is the lower end of the range recommended by the staff. The gross revenue increase is 8-24% based upon total revenues and 8-42% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (g) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (e) and (f) of this table.

Table II

Dixon District

Summary of Earnings - Test Year 1975

(Dollars in Thousands)

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Exh. 15 Line No. | <u>Item</u> | A.55077 Present Rates Exhibit 15 | A-555 Refinancing Changes | 61 Offset Total | Consolidated A-55077 & Changes | Record 55561 Total |
| | TOCIA | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
| | | | (0) | (4) | (4) | (0) |
| - | Operating Revenues | | | | | |
| | Metered | 2178-3 | \$1-6 | \$150-5 | \$29-9 | \$180-4 |
| | Fire protection & misc. | 2.1 | <u>0.0</u> | 2.1 | (3-6) | <u>0-5</u> |
| 18 | Total Revenues | 151-0 | 7-0 | 152.6 | 28.3 | 180.9 |
| 19 | Operating Expenses | • | | 4 | 1.5 | |
| 20 | Operation & maintenance | 55-7 | 0.0 | 55-7 | 0.0 | 55-7 |
| 21 | Administrative & general | 5-5 | - 0.0 | 5-5 | 0.0 | 5-5 |
| 22 | Miscellaneous | 1.2 | 0-0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| 23 | Taxes other than income | 18-4 | 0.0 | 18-4 | 0-0 | 18-4 |
| 24 | Depreciation | 18.1 | 0.0 | 18.1 | 0.0 | 18.1 |
| 25 | SCFT amortization | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0.3 | 0-0 | 0-3 |
| 26 | Prorated expenses | 14-4 | 0.0 | 14-4 | 0_0 | 24.4. |
| 27 | Sub-Towal. | 113.6 | 0.0 | 113-6 | 70.0 | 113.6 |
| | \ Income taxes incl. 4% inv. cr. | | (2-1) | 4-6 | 14-9 | 19-5 |
| | Adjustment to 10% inv. cr. | 0_0 | <u>(1.9</u>) | <u>(1.9</u>) | 0.0 | (1-9) |
| 28 | Total Income Taxes | 6.7 ° | (4-0) | 2.7 | 14.9 | 17-6 |
| 29 | Total operating expenses | 120.3 | (4-0) | 116-3 | 14-9 | 131.2 |
| 30 | Net Operating Revenues | 30-7 | 5-6 | 36.3 | 13-4 | 49-7 |
| ₄ ,31 | Depreciated Rate Base | 520-2 | 0-0 | 520-2 | 0-0 | 520-2 |
| • | Rate of Return | ±* | | 5 Test | 1. | |
| | Before attrition adjustment | 5-90% | I-08% | 6-98% | 2-57% | 9-55% |
| • | Attrition adjustment | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0_0 |
| 32 | After attrition adjustment - | 5-90% | 1.08% | 6.98% | 2-57% | 9-55% |

- (a) Staff's estimates which were summarized on applicant and staff joint Exhibit No. 15, page 1 of 3, Column (g).
- (b) Required rate relief recommended by staff in Application No. 55561 to offset higher interest due to refinancing which was modified to give consideration to the increase in Investment Tax Credit to the 10% level. The gross revenue increase is 1.06% based upon total revenues and 1.07% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (c) Summary of earnings after refinancing, consisting of the sum of Columns (a) and (b) of this table.
- (d) Additional increase required to (l) yield the rate of return which is approximately the lower end of the range recommended by the staff and (2) to transfer revenue requirements from Public Fire Hydrant Service to General Metered Service as requested in Advice Letter No. 459. The overall gross revenue increase is 18.55% and the increase in metered revenue is 19.87%.
- (e) Summary of carnings consisting of the sum of Columns (c) and (d) of this table.

<u>Yable II</u>
<u>Willows District</u>

Summary of Earnings - Test Year 1975

(Dollars in Thousands)

| 200 | | , | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------|
| Exh. 16 Line | ~ | | A-55099 esent Rates | ~ | A-55 Refinancin | | Consolidate | |
| No. | <u>Item</u> | Exhibit 16 | Changes | Total | Changes | Total | Changes | Total: |
| | | (a) | (5) | (c) | (a) | (0) | (x) | (g) |
| | Operating Revenues | | | | | | | |
| | Metered | \$ 79.6 | \$0.0 | \$ 79-6 | \$1.5 | \$ 81.1 | \$13.7 | \$ 94.8 |
| | Commercial flat rate | 122.0 | 0.0 | 122-0 | 2-3 | 124-3 | 21. | 145-4 |
| | Fire protection & misc- | 3.0 | <u>0-0</u> | <u> 3.0</u> | 3-8 | 3.0 | <u>0.0</u> 34_8 | <u>3-0</u> |
| 18 | Total Revenues | 204.6 | 0.0 | 204-6 | 3-8 | 708-4 | 34-8 | 2/3-2 |
| 19 | Operating Expenses | | Age 2 | | | | | |
| 20 | · Operation & maintenance | 74-7 | 0.0 | 74-7 | 0.0 | 74-7 | 0-0 | 74-7 |
| 21 | Administrative & general | 6-3 | 0-0 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 6-3 | 0-0 | 6-3 |
| 22 | Miscellaneous | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 1-5 |
| 23 | Taxes other than income | 25.6 | 0-0 | 25.6 | 0.1 | 25-7 | 0.6 | 26.3 |
| 24 | Depreciation | 22.9 | 0-0 | 22-9 | 0.0 | 22-9 | 0.0 | 22-9 |
| 25 | Prorated expenses | 18.7 | 0.0 | 18.7 | 0.0 | 18_7 | 0-0 | 18.7 |
| 26 | SCFT amortization | <u> </u> | _0_0 | <u> </u> | 0.0 | 0.6 | | 0.6 |
| 27 | Sub-Total | 150-3 | 0.0 | 150-3 | 0-1 | 150-4 | 0-6 | 151.0 |
| | Income taxes incl. 4% inv. co | | 0-0 | 10.8 | (2-1) | 8.7 | 28-0 | 26-7 |
| | Adjustment to 10% inv. cr. | <u> (1-8</u>) | 1.8 | 0.0 | <u>(1.8</u>) | (1.8) | <u>0-0</u> 18-0 | <u>(1.8</u>). |
| 28 | Total Income Taxes | 9-0 | 1.8 | 10.8 | (3-9) | 6.9 | | 24-9 |
| 29 | Total operating expenses | 159-3 | 1.8 | 161-1 | (3-8) | 157-3 | 18.6 | 175-9 |
| 30 | Net Operating Revenues | 45-3 | (1.8) | 43-5 | 7.6 | 51.1 | 16-2 | 67-3 |
| 31 | Depreciated Rate Base | 692.5 | 0-0 | 692-5 | 0-0 | 692-5 | 0-0 | 692-5 |
| | Rate of Return | | | | | i i | tar tar | A Section 1 |
| | Before attrition adjustment | 6-54% | (0-26)% | 6-28% | 1.10% | 7-389 | 2-34% | 9-72% |
| | Attrition adjustment | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | (-16)% | |
| | After attrition adjustment | 6-54% | (0-26)% | 6.28% | 1_10% | 7-38 | 2-18% | 9-56% |

- (a) Staff's estimates which were summarized on applicant and staff joint Exhibit No. 16, page 1 of 3, Column (f).
- (b) Staff's estimates included Investment Tax Credit at the 10% level. The increase in Investment Tax Credit was considered in the refinancing offset Application No. 55561, therefore, it is backed out in this column to eliminate duplication of this item.
- (c) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (a) and (b) of this table-
- (d) Required rate relief recommended by staff in Application No. 55561 to offset higher interest due to refinancing which was modified to give consideration to the increase in Investment Tax Credit to the 10% level. The gross revenue increase is 1.86% based upon total revenues and 1.88% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (e) Summary of earnings after refinancing consisting of the sum of Columns (c) and (d) of this table.
- (f) Additional increase required to yield the rate of return which is approximately the lower end of the range recommended by the staff. The gross revenue increase is 16-70% based upon total revenues and 16-94% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (g) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (e) and (f) of this table.

South San Francisco District
Summary of Earnings - Test Year 1975
(Dollars in Thousands)

| Exh. 16 Line | _ | Px | A-55114 esent Rates | | Refinanci | 5561 ng Offset | Consolidated Record A-55114 & 55561 | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|--|--------------|--|
| No. | <u>Item</u> | Exhibit 16 (a) | Changes (b) | Total (c) | Changes (d) | Total (e) | Changes (f) | Total (g) | |
| , | Operating Revenues | \- - / | , | (-/ | \ - / | | V~ / | | |
| | Metered | \$1,505-1 | \$ 0.0 | \$1,505.1 | \$ 8-3 | \$1,513-4 | \$92-3 | \$1,605.7 | |
| | Fire protection & misc. | 49-0 | 0.0 | 49-0 | 0.0 | 49.0 | 0.0 | 49-0 | |
| 18 | · Total Revenues | 1,554-1 | 0.0 | 1,554-1 | 8-3 | 1,562-4 | 92-3 | 1,654-7 | |
| 19 | Operating Expenses | | • | | • | | | | |
| 20 | Operation & maintenance | 912-5 | 0-0 | 912-5 | 0-0 | 912-5 | 0.0 | 912-5 | |
| 21 | Administrative & general | 20-6 | 0-0 | 20-6 | 0.0 | 20-6 | 0-0 | 20-6 | |
| 22 | Miscellaneous | 4-4 | 0.0 | 4-4 | 0.0 | 4-4 | 0.0 | landa | |
| 23 | Taxes other than income | 85-0 | 0-0 | 85-0 | 0-0 | 85-0 | 0.0 | 85-0 | |
| 24 | Depreciation | 103-7 | 0-0 | 103-7 | 0.0 | 103-7 | | 103-7 | |
| 25 | Prorated expenses | 112-5 | 0-0 | 112.5 | 0-0 | 112.5 | 0-0 | 112.5 | |
| 26 | SCFT amortization | 3.8 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 0-0 | 3.8 | |
| 27 | Sub-Total | 1,242-5 | 0-0 | 1,242.5 | 0.0 | 1,242.5 | 0.0 | 1,242-5 | |
| - | Income taxes incl. 4% inv. | r. 71.1 | 0-0 | 71-1 | (24-5) | 56.6 | 48-6 | 105-2 | |
| | Adjustment to 10% inv. cr. | (13.0) | 13-0 | 0.0 | (13-0) | (13-0) | _ 0-0 | (13-0) | |
| 28 | Total Income Taxes | 58.1 | 13.0 | 71-1 | (27-5) | 43-6 | 48-6 | 92-2 | |
| 29 | Total operating expenses | 1,300-6 | 13-0 | 1,313.6 | (27-5) | 1,286.1 | 48-6 | 1,334-7 | |
| 30 | Net Operating Revenues | 253-5 | (13-0) | 240-5 | 35-8 | 276-3 | 43-7 | 320-0 | |
| 31. | Depreciated Rate Base | 3,308.9 | 0.0 | 3,308.9 | 0-0 | 3,308.9 | 0-0 | 3,308.9 | |
| | Rate of Return | | | | | | | | |
| | Before attrition adjustment | | (0-39)% | 7-27% | 1-08% | 8-359 | | 9-67% | |
| | Attrition adjustment | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | (_11_)% | | |
| 32 | After attrition adjustment | 7-66% | (0-39)% | 7-27% | 1.08% | 8-35% | | 9-56% | |

- (a) Staff's estimates which were summarized on applicant and staff joint Exhibit No. 16, page 1 of 3, Column (f).
- (b) Staff's estimates uncluded Investment Tax Credit at the 10% level. The increase in Investment Tax Credit was considered in the Refinancing Offset Application No. 55561, therefore, it is backed out in this column to eliminate duplication of this item.
- (c) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (a) and (b) of this table.
- (d) Required rate relief recommended by staff in Application No. 55561 to offset higher interest due to refinancing which was modified to give consideration to the increase in Investment Tax Credit to the 10% level. The gross revenue increase is 0.53% based upon total revenues and 0.55% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (e) Summary of earnings after refinancing consisting of the sum of Columns (c) and (d) of this table.
- (f) Additional increase required to yield the rate of return which is the lower end of the range recommended by the staff. The gross revenue increase is 5.91% based upon total revenues and 6.10% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (g) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (e) and (f) of this table.

Table II
Oroville District
Summary of Earnings - Test Year 1975
(Dollars in Thousands)

| Exh. 16 Line | | A-55115 Present Rates | | | A-55561 Refinancing Offset | | Consolidated Record | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------|---------------|--|
| No. | <u>Item</u> | Exhibit 16 | Changes | Total | Changes | Total | Changes | Total | |
| | | (a) | (b) · | (c) | <u>(a)</u> | (e) | (<u>r</u>) | (g) | |
| | Operating Revenues | | | | | | | | |
| | Metered | \$ 276.2 | \$0.0 | \$ 276-2 | \$ 6.5 | \$ 282.7 | \$ 60.3 | \$ 343-0 | |
| | Commercial flat rate | 205-7 | 0-0 | 205-7 | | 210.6 | 44-9 | 255-5 | |
| | Irrigation - raw water | 16.2 | 0.0 | 16-2 | » 0-4 | 16.6 | 3-6 | 20-2 | |
| | Fire protection & misc. | <u> </u> | 0.0 | 5•9 | 0-0 | 5-9 | _ 0.0 | 5-9 | |
| 18 | Total Revenues | 504-0 | 0.0 | 504-0 | 11.8 | 515-8 | 108-8 | 624-6 | |
| 19 | Operating Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Operation & maintenance | 223.6 | 0.0 | 213-6 | 0-0 | 213-6 | 0.0 | 213-6 | |
| 21 | Administrative & general | 16.8 | 0.0 | 16-8 | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 16-8 | |
| 22 | Miscellaneous | 3-8 | 0-0 | 3-8 | 0.0 | 3-8 | 0.0 | 3-8 | |
| 23 | Taxes other than income | 59-7 | 0+0 | 59-7 | 0.0 | 59-7 | 0.0 | 59 - 7 | |
| 24 | Depreciation | 47-7 | 0.0 | 47-7 | 0.0 | 47-7 | 0.0 | 47-7 | |
| 25 | SCFT amortization | 1-5 | 0-0 | 1.5 | 0_0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1-5 | |
| 26 | Prorated expenses | 44-9 | 0.0 | 44-9 | 0.0 | 44.9 | 0.0 | 44.9 | |
| 27 | Sub-Total | 388-0 | 0.0 | 388.0 | 0.0 | 388-0 | 0.0 | 388.0 | |
| | Income taxes incl. 4% inv- | | 0.0 | 20-3 | (3-6) | 16.7 | 57-3 | 74-0 | |
| 7 | Adjustment to 10% inv. cr. | (3-2) | <u>3-2</u> | 0.0 | (3.2) | (3.2) | 0.0 | (3-2) | |
| 28 | Total Income Taxes | 17-1 | 3-2 | 20-3 | (6.8) | 13-5 | 57-3 | 70-8 | |
| 29 | Total operating expenses | 405-1 | 3-2 | 408-3 | (6-8) | 401-5 | 57-3 | 458-8 | |
| 30 | Net Operating Revenues | 98.9 | (3-2) | 95-7 | 18-6 | 114-3 | 51-5 | 165-8 | |
| 31. | Depreciated Rate Base | 1,707-8 | 0-0 | 1,707-8 | 0.0 | 1,707-8 | 0-0 | 1,707-8 | |
| | Rate of Return | | | | | | Commence of the second | | |
| + | Before attrition adjustment | 5-79% | (0.19)% | 5-60 | × 1.09% | 6-69 | 3_02% | 9-71% | |
| | Attrition adjustment | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | | (-15)% | |
| 32 | After attrition adjustment | 5-79% | (0-19)% | 5.60 | | 6-69 | \$ 2_87% | 9-56% | |
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- (Red Figure)
- (a) Staff's estimates which were summarized on applicant and staff joint Exhibit No. 16, page 1 of 3, Column (g).
- (b) Staff's estimates included Investment Tax Credit at the 10% level. The increase in Investment Tax Credit was considered in the Refinancing Offset Application No. 55561, therefore, it is backed out in this column to eliminate duplication of this item.
- (c) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (a) and (b) of this table.
- (d) Required rate relief recommended by staff in Application No. 55561 to offset higher interest due to refinancing which was modified to give consideration to the increase in Investment Tax Credit to the 10% level. The gross revenue increase is 2.34% based upon total revenues and 2.37% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (e) Summary of earnings after refinencing consisting of the sum of Columns (c) and (d) of this table.
- (f) Additional increase required to yield the rate of return which is the lower end of the range recommended by the staff. The gross revenue increase is 21.09% based upon total revenues and 21.34% based upon revenues excluding fire protection and miscellaneous revenues.
- (g) Summary of earnings consisting of the sum of Columns (e) and (f) of this table.

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Additional Offsets

Since submission of these matters, electric rates of Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) were increased by Decision No. 84902 dated September 16, 1975 in Application No. 54279 and modified further by Decision No. 84959 dated October 7, 1975 in that same proceeding. Ordinarily, we would take official notice of the decisions in the PG&E application and consider them in setting applicant's rates. In this instance, however, the electric rate increases were not uniform for all users, so there is insufficient evidence in the record to determine the impact upon applicant's expenses. Decision No. 84902 (mimeo. p. 152) shows that industrial users, as a class, would have a 20.3 percent increase but applicant will have to submit supporting data, presumably as part of an advice letter request or requests, to show the increases applicable to its various district operations where service is provided by PG&E. We will therefore not include offsets of the electric rate increases in this decision.

Rate of Return

The Commission staff recommended a range of 8.50 to 8.80 percent on rate base as reasonable for applicant's operations, prior to refinancing of applicant's maturing bonds, with the specific recommendation that the lower end of the range be adopted. The refinancing has been completed, and the staff's corresponding recommendation is a 9.56 percent return on rate base after the refinancing. The derivation of the composite rates of return are set forth in the following Table III:

Table III
Staff's Recommended Rate of Return

| <u>Item</u> | Capital Ratio | Rate | Weighted Cost |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Before Refinancing: Long-Term Debt Preferred Stock Common Equity Total | 55.5% 3.0 41.5 100.0 | 5.90% 4.25 12.29 | 3.27% .13 5.10 8.50 |
| After Refinancing: Long-Term Debt Preferred Stock Common Equity Total | 55.5 3.0 41.5 100.0 | 7.80 4.25 12.29 | 4.33 .13 5.10 9.56 |

As indicated in the foregoing Table III, the rates of return recommended by the staff would produce a return on common equity of 12.29 percent, both before and after consideration of the effect of refinancing.

Trend in Rate of Return

Inasmuch as rates are set prospectively to produce an authorized rate of return for a reasonable period into the future, the Commission staff estimated the probable future trend in rate of return for each district. This was accomplished by the staff's preparation of summaries of earnings for a test year 1974 as well as 1975, with both years placed on the same level of wage rates, tex rates, and rates for purchased water and power. As a result of the comparative summaries of earnings, the staff recommended that no allowance for trend in rate of return be considered for the Bakersfield and Dixon Districts, and that annual declines of 0.12 percent, 0.32 percent, 0.22 percent, and 0.30 percent, respectively, be adopted in setting rates for the Hermosa-Redondo, Willows, South San Francisco, and Oroville Districts.

3. For the purposes of this preliminary order, a pre-refinancing

rate of return of 8.50 percent and a post-refinancing return of

from those prescribed herein, are for the future unjust and

12.3 percent.

unressonable.

9.56 percent on the adopted rate bases are reasonable. Such rates of return will provide a return on common equity of approximately

4. The increases in rates and charges authorized herein are reasonable, and the present rates and charges, insofar as they differ

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- 5. In accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 103, it is reasonable to transfer to general metered service the portion of the Dixon District total revenue requirement now covered by charges to the city of Dixon for public fire hydrant service, and concurrently to eliminate charges to the city for public fire hydrants.
- 6. Applicant's earnings under "Present Rates" from its operations during the 1975 test year produce rates of return ranging from 5.22 percent to 7.66 percent in the various districts covered by these applications on the rate bases adopted herein, based upon adopted results of operation.
- 7. The authorized increases in rates are expected to provide the following increases in revenues, based upon the test year 1975:

| Polomoff 11 Diameter | 2006 200 | Percent Increase |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Bakersfield District | \$236,300 | 4.3 |
| Hermosa-Redondo District | 255,300 | 7_6 |
| Dixon District | 28,300 | 15.6 |
| Willows District | 34,800 | 14.3 |
| South San Francisco District | 92,300 | 5.6 |
| Oroville District | 108,800 | 17.4 |
| Total | 755,800 | 6_6 |

8. In view of the length of time which has elapsed since submission of most of these applications, it is reasonable to make this order effective immediately.

The Commission concludes that the applications should be granted to the extent set forth in the order which follows.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that, after the effective date of this order, California Water Service Company is authorized to file the revised rate schedules attached to this order as Appendix A. Such filing

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shall comply with General Order No. 96-A. The effective date of the revised rate schedules shall be four days after the date of filling. The revised schedules shall apply only to service rendered on and after the effective date thereof.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof. ___, California, this __30Th Dated at _____San Francisco day of DECFURED, 1975.

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Schedule No. BK-1

Bakersfield Tariff Area

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Bakersfield and vicinity, Kern County.

RATES

| | | Per Meter Per Month |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| Quantity Rate: | | |
| For all water delivered per 10 | 00 cu.ft. | \$ _184 (I) |
| Service Charge: | | |
| For li-inch meter For 2-inch meter For 3-inch meter For 4-inch meter For 6-inch meter For 8-inch meter For 10-inch meter The Service Charge is a | readiness-to-serve charge | \$ 3.24 (I) 3.56 4.86 6.48 8.75 16.20 22.03 36.61 54.42 67.38 (I) |
| 1.5 1.5 | | (D) |

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Schedule No. BK-ZR Bakersfield Tariff Area RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate residential water service.

TERRITORY

Bakersfield and vicinity, Kern County.

RATES

| | Per | Service Conn Per Month | |
|--|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| For a single-family residential unit, including premises having the following area: | | | |
| 6,000 sq.ft. or less: 6,001 to 10,000 sq.ft. 10,001 to 16,000 sq.ft. 16,001 to 25,000 sq.ft. | • | \$.8.98 9.91 12.81 16.63 | (I) |
| For each additional single-family residential unit on the same premises and served from the same service connection. | | 5.78 | (I) |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. The above flat rates apply to service connections not larger than one inch in diameter.
- 2. All service not covered by the above classification will be furnished only on a metered basis.

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Schedule No. BK-2R

Bakersfield Tariff Arca

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Contd.

3. Meters shall be installed if either the utility or customer so chooses for above classification, in which event service thereafter shall be furnished on the basis of Schedule No. BK-1, General Metered Service.

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Schedule No. BK-ZL

Bakersfield Tariff Area

LIMITED FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate water service furnished to customers listed on this schedule.

TERRITORY

Bakersfield and vicinity, Kern County.

RATES

| and the second of the second o | er Month |
|--|------------|
| Jewelry Store | \$6-25 (T) |
| Shoe Store Lamp Store Plant Store | 6-25 |
| Lamp Store | 6.25 |
| Plant Store | 6.25 (I) |

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. No new service connections may receive service under this schedule.
- 2. Meters shall be installed if the utility chooses for the above customers, in which event service thereafter shall be furnished on the basis of Schedule No. BK-1, General Metered Service.

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Schedule No. HR-1

Hermosa-Redondo District

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and vicinity, Los Angeles County.

RATES

| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | | Per Meter Per Month | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| Quantity Rat | æ: | | ٠ | 1 | • | |
| For all | water delivered, | per 100 cu. | _ft | | \$.398 | (I) |
| Service Char | ge: | | | | | |
| For 5/8 | x 3/4-inch meter | | | • | \$ 3.36 | |
| For | 3/4-inch meter | | | | 3.70 | 1 |
| For | l-inch meter | | • | | 5.04 | į. |
| For | l}-inch meter | | | | 7-06 | |
| For | 2-inch meter | | | | 9.07 | |
| For | 3-inch meter | | | | 16.80 | |
| For | 4-inch meter | | | | 22.85 | |
| For | 6-inch meter | | **** | | 37.98 | į |
| For | 8-inch meter | | | | 56.46 | . 🛔 🤄 |
| For | 10-inch meter | | | | 69.91 | $(\dot{\mathbf{I}})$ |

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge to which is to be added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rate.

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Schedule No. DX-1

Dixon Tariff Area

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Dixon and vicinity, Solano County.

RATES

| Service (| barge: | | | | Per Meter Per Month | |
|--|--|------------|--------------------------|-------|--|------------|
| For For For For For For | /8 x 3/4-inch meter 3/4-inch meter 1-inch meter 12-inch meter 2-inch meter 3-inch meter 4-inch meter 6-inch meter 8-inch meter 10-inch meter | ********* | ********* | ***** | \$ 3.49 3.85 5.19 7.18 9.18 16.82 23.18 37.72 55.89 69.22 | (I) |
| Quantity : | Hate: Il water delivered, The Service Charge charge applicable to which is to be a computed at the Quarter. | is a readi | ness-to-se red servic | | \$.227 | (I) |
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Schedule No. DX-5

Dixon Tariff Area

PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service rendered for public fire protection to the City of Dixon.

TERRITORY

Dixon and vicinity, Solano County.

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RATES

| ··· | * • | Per Month |
|---|------|---------------|
| For the first 51 fire hydrants or less, | | |
| minimum charge | | No Charge (R) |
| For each additional fire hydrant | •••• | No Charge (R) |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The City of Dixon is responsible for the hydrant installation and (T) maintenance costs including, without limitation: the capital cost of new hydrant installations starting with the tee in the main and the branch gate valve; any hydrant replacements caused by age, wear, or change in hydrant standards; relocations to accommodate street improvements or changes of grade to the utility's pipelines or changes to the right-of-way; relocations or reconnections of hydrants brought about by replacement of the main by the utility; maintenance (including repairs caused by traffic accidents and the expense of shutting down and re-establishment of service); mechanical maintenance or adjustment of the hydrant; painting; and clearing of weeds.

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Schedule No. DX-5

Dixon Tariff Area

FUELIC FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Contd.

- 2. The above rates include use of water for fire protection and for no other purpose. For water delivered through fire hydrants for any other purpose, charges will be made therefor at the quantity rate under Schedule No. DX-1, General Metered Service.
- 3. The Utility will supply only such water at such pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of its normal operation of the system.

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Schedule No. WL-1

Willows Tariff Area

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The City of Willows and vicinity, Glenn County.

RATES

| Service Charge: | | Per Meter Per Month | |
|---|--|--|------------|
| For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter For 3/4-inch meter For 1-inch meter For 12-inch meter For 2-inch meter For 3-inch meter For 4-inch meter For 6-inch meter | | \$ 3.69 4.05 5.48 7.63 9.77 17.99 23.95 40.63 59.69 73.99 | (I) |
| to which is added the | r 100 cu.ft. applicable to all metered iness-for-service charge charge, computed at the er used during the month. | \$ 0.265 | (I) (D) |

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Schedule No. WI-2R

Willows Tariff Area

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential water service furnished on a flat rate basis.

TERRITORY

.The City of Willows and vicinity, Glenn County.

RATES

| | Per | Service Connection Per Month | |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|
| For a single-family residential unit, including premises having the following areas: | , | | |
| 6,000 sq.ft. or less 6,001 to 10,000 sq.ft. 10,001 to 16,000 sq.ft. 16,001 to 25,000 sq.ft. | , | \$ 7.69 (10.19 12.75 16.56 | (I) |
| For each additional single-family residential unit on the same premises and served from the same service connection | | 6.08 (| |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The above flat rates apply to service connections not larger than one inch in diameter.

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Schedule No. WL-2R

Willows Tariff Area

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Contd.

- 2. All service not covered by the above classification will be furnished only on a metered basis.
- 3. Meters shall be installed if either the utility or customer so chooses for above classification, in which event service thereafter shall be furnished on the basis of Schedule No. WL-1, General Metered Service.

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Schedule No. SS-1

South San Francisco Tariff Area

METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

South San Francisco and vicinity, San Mateo County.

RATES

| Service Char | ~~* | | | Per Meter Per Month | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|------------|--|------------|
| For 5/8 For For For For For For | x 3/4-inch meter . 3/4-inch meter . 1-inch meter . 12-inch meter . 2-inch meter . 3-inch meter . 4-inch meter . 6-inch meter . 8-inch meter . | | | 3.13 4.26 5.96 7.66 14.19 19.30 | |
| The ser |),000 cu.ft., per 10),000 cu.ft., per 10 ; Service Charge is vice. It is a read added the charge, o water used during | O cu.ft. applicable to a liness-to-serve computed at the | ll metered | .299 | (I) (I) |

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Schedule No: OR-1

Oroville Tariff Area

CENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Oroville and vicinity, Butte County.

RATES

| Service Charge: | • | | Per Meter Per Month |
|---|---|---|---|
| For 5/8 x For For For For For For For For | l-inch meter l2-inch meter 2-inch meter 3-inch meter 4-inch meter 6-inch meter 8-inch meter | *************************************** | \$ 5.71 (I) 6.27 8.57 11.99 15.40 28.57 38.88 64.59 96.01 118.87 |
| Quantity Rates: For all wa | | per 100 cu.ft. | \$.275 (1) |
| The C | Samuel and Allen | | 41 |

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service and to which is to to be added the monthly charge computed at the Quantity Rates.

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Schedule No. OR-ZR

Oroville Tariff Area

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate residential water service.

TERRITORY

Oroville and vicinity, Butte County.

| RATES | Per Service Connection Per Month | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| For a single-family residential unit, including premises having the following area: | | | |
| 6,000 sq.ft. or less 6,001 to 10,000 sq.ft. 10,001 to 16,000 sq.ft. 16,001 to 25,000 sq.ft. | \$11.86 (I) 13.23 15.90 19.69 | | |
| a. For each additional single-family residents unit on the same premises and served from the same service connection | la? | | |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. The above flat rates apply to service connections not larger than one inch in diameter.
- 2. All residential service not covered by the above classification will be furnished only on a metered basis.

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Schedule No. OR-2R

Oroville Tariff Area

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Contd.

3. Meters shall be installed if either the utility or customer so chooses for above classification, in which event service thereafter shall be furnished on the basis of Schedule No. OR-1, General Metered Service.

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Schedule No. OR-2UL

Oroville Tariff Area

LIMITED FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate water service furnished to customers taking untreated water directly from Powers Canal.

TERRITORY

Oroville and vicinity, Butte County.

| RATE | • | 5 | | Per Month |
|-------------|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| · Mrs. Iola | Heberle | ****** | •••••• | \$5.12 (1) |

SPECIAL CONDITION

Service under this schedule is limited to the above service which was being furnished as of January 1, 1955.

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Oroville Tariff Area

IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to service of untreated water from Powers Canal to irrigation districts and to irrigation or mining ditches, for uses including but not limited to the irrigation of vineyards, orchards and pasture lands.

TERRITORY

Lands located along the Powers Canal, between Coal Canyon Powerhouse and Cherokee Reservoir, north of the City of Oroville, Butte County.

RATE

Per Miner's
Inch Day

\$0.51 (I)

SPECIAL CONDITION

For all water delivered

A miner's inch day is defined as the quantity of water equal to 1/40 of a cubic foot per second flowing continuously for a period of 24 hours.

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