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Decision 84 05 007 MAY 2 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, )  
for a general rate increase of )  
\$177,700 in '83, \$37,300 in '84, & )  
\$24,800 in '85, Willows District. )

NOI 73-W  
(Filed May 28, 1982)

(See D.83-12-037 for appearances.)

FINAL ORDER

During the course of the 1982 hearings of California Water Service Company's (CWS) Applications (A.) 82-03-94 (East Los Angeles District), A.82-03-95 (San Carlos District), A.82-03-96 (Livermore District), A.82-03-97 (Los Altos-Suburban District), A.82-03-98 (Palos Verdes District), and Notice of Intent (NOI) 73-W (Willows District), Nicholas R. Tibbits and Rob Innes filed the appearance of Congressman Douglas H. Bosco (Bosco) in the Willows proceeding and offered to submit evidence to prove a lower rate of return than the 14.5% we had found reasonable for CWS prior to the hearing in Willows on December 7, 1982 (D.82-11-058 dated November 17, 1982.)

In order that we might have the benefit of the offered evidence and Bosco the opportunity of presenting it, Ordering Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of D.83-02-075 dated February 16, 1983, ruling upon Bosco's petition to reopen the CWS record, stated:

- "2. The Petition to Reopen the Record in NOI 73-W is denied.
- "3. The request to issue an interim decision with rates subject to refund in NOI 73-W is granted, and rates established in Resolution W-3070 are subject to refund to the extent that the rate of return found reasonable for CWS in its next group of applications is less than the rate of return found reasonable in Resolution W-3070.

"4. CWS shall send copies of its 1983 applications to petitioners at the time of filing."

Bosco appeared in the 1983 series of CWS applications and presented evidence on rate of return. However, in D.83-12-037 we again found 14.5% to be reasonable - the same rate of return found reasonable for the Willows District in Resolution W-3070, December 15, 1982.

On March 7, 1984 we denied rehearing on the rate of return issue in the 1983 series of CWS applications (D.84-03-043). Our rate of return finding of 14.5% for CWS for 1983 is, therefore, final and no reason remains that the interim rates for CWS's Willows District should not likewise be made final.

Finding of Fact

No reason appears why the rates set forth in Resolution W-3070, December 15, 1982, should not be made final.

Conclusion of Law

CWS's Willows District interim rates should be made final.

IT IS ORDERED that the rates set forth in Resolution W-3070, December 15, 1982, for California Water Service Company's Willows District are final.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated     MAY 2 1984    , at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President  
VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. GREW  
DONALD VIAL  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TODAY

  
Joseph E. Bodovick, Executive Director