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Decision SS 04 069 APR 27 1988

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER )  
COMPANY (U 133-W) for an order )  
authorizing it to increase rates )  
for water service in its Big )  
Bear District. )

Application 87-04-067  
(Filed April 29, 1987)

ORDER REOPENING PROCEEDING

By Decision (D.) 88-01-025 dated January 13, 1988 in this proceeding, we ordered adjustments of water rates in Southern California Water Company's (SCWC) Big Bear District for 1988, 1989, and 1990.

Ordering Paragraph 5 of D.88-01-025 directed the staff to monitor conditions in the Big Bear District, and report to the Commission with a recommendation on the question whether a service connection moratorium is necessary.

Staff reported to the Commission on April 13, 1988, and recommends that SCWC, by July 1, 1988, complete and have in operation a new well and a storage tank, as ordered by the Department of Health Services. Staff further recommends that by November 1, 1988 SCWC complete construction and have in operation two additional wells. Staff urges that until the three projects are completed, SCWC not be allowed to collect the monthly service charge from each customer who does not receive water for any part of any month. Staff recommends that if the projects are not completed on time, a service connection moratorium be imposed for new buildings with permits not yet issued for the Moonridge area.

The staff report states that prior to the issuance of D.88-01-025, portions of the Big Bear District experienced outages during the 1987 Christmas holiday period. The area affected by the outage is the upper area of the Moonridge system. During the

evidentiary hearings held in August 1987, considerable testimony was presented concerning outages and service problems in the Moonridge area. In the circumstances, this proceeding should be reopened to receive evidence on the staff report, and the recommendations contained therein.

IT IS ORDERED that Application 87-04-067 is reopened for the purpose of receiving evidence on the staff report dated April 13, 1988 concerning Southern California Water Company's Big Bear District. Evidentiary hearings will be conducted commencing May 5, 1988 at 9:30 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge John Lemke at the Fireside Room (Theater Lobby), City of Big Bear Lake Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California 92315.

This order is effective today.

Dated APR 27 1988, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT  
President

DONALD VIAL  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
C. MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
Commissioners

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

*Victor Weiss*  
Victor Weiss, Executive Director

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