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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.) 88-05-025 dated May 11, 1988 in this proceeding, we ordered that by July 1, 1988 Southern California Water Company (SCWC) must have in operation a proposed Stanfield Well and a 1.2 million-gallon Yosemite storage tank, and that by November 1, 1988 SCWC must complete construction and have in operation and connected to the Lake system two additional wells in the North Shore, Mill Creek, or Village Water Basins, or an adequate substitute therefor.

We ordered that if the above described projects were not completed on time, SCWC shall not establish connections for new buildings with permits not yet issued for the Moonridge area. We also ordered that SCWC shall not collect the applicable monthly service charge from any customer in the Moonridge area who does not receive water for any part of any month, until these projects are completed.

In November 1988, the Water Utilities Branch staff (staff) mailed a report to parties of record concerning the states of completion of the projects addressed in D.88-05-025. Staff found that the Yosemite tank is completed, and that while two new wells in North Shore, Mill Creek, or Village Water Basins were not constructed, operation of two booster pumps in the Sugarloaf system constitutes an adequate substitute for the wells, since the Sugarloaf system is connected to the Yosemite tank. Staff found however, that the Stanfield well, after being completed, was

accidentally destroyed by the contractor. The contractor offered to replace the well at the same site or at a different location, since the water quality was not acceptable at the first location. The new well has not been constructed. Nevertheless, staff believes SCWC has done enough to meet the short-term supply needs of the Moonridge customers, and recommends that the hookup moratorium ordered in D.88-05-025 not be imposed at this time. In the circumstances, this proceeding should be reopened to receive further evidence on the issues considered in D.88-05-025, and to determine whether the decision should be modified.

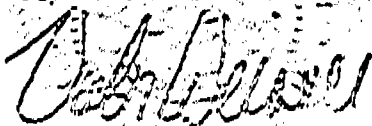
IT IS ORDERED that Application 87-04-067 is reopened for the purpose of receiving further evidence on the issues considered in D.88-05-025, and to determine whether the decision should be modified. An evidentiary hearing will be conducted on Thursday, March 16, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge John Lemke at the Holfert Hall, City of Big Bear Lake Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 24 1989, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OHANIAN
Commissioners

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


Victor Weiss, Executive Director