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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Crystal Falls Water)	
Company, a California Corporation,)	Application 89-07-042
to expand its Apple Valley System.)	(Filed July 21, 1989)

O P I N I O N

Water Utilities Branch (Branch) investigated this application and, on August 30, 1989, reported as follows:

*Introduction

- *1. This report sets forth the results of the Water Utilities Branch's (Branch) investigation pertaining to Application No. (A.) 89-07-042 filed by Crystal Falls Water Company (utility) before the California Public Utilities Commission on July 21, 1989.
- *2. Crystal Falls Water Company (Crystal Falls), a California corporation, is a public utility presently serving approximately 1,400 customers in two noncontiguous areas in the vicinity of Sonora, Tuolumne County.
- *3. The utility in its application has requested authority to expand its smaller water system, known as Apple Valley Estates (AVE), beyond its presently authorized 25 connections. Decision No. 84-07-076 in Application 84-01-065 authorized 25 connections and required the utility to come before the Commission for authorization for additional service connections. The purpose of this requirement was to insure that an adequate water supply would be available to serve the additional customers.
- *4. The utility proposes to expand its present distribution system to serve a new contiguous subdivision known as Apple Valley Estates Units 4 through 8 consisting of 77 lots. The proposed expansion will consist of one well, one 273,000-gallon storage tank, and the related distribution network.

*Field Inspection and Observations

- *5. The Water Utilities Branch engineers, J. Sekhon and S. Rahman, made a field inspection of Crystal Falls existing and proposed water system on August 23, 1989 and observed the following:

"Currently one on-site well with a pumping capacity of approximately 100 gallons per minute pumps water to an elevated 63,000-gallon storage tank. From this tank the water flows by gravity to the existing Apple Valley Estates Units 1 and 2. Out of the authorized 25 service connections in units 1 and 2, the utility has 18 active connections. In the proposed subdivision of 77 lots, another well has been drilled with a design capacity of approximately 120 gallons per minute. An order has been placed with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a power connection to the pump located at the new well. The utility has indicated that the proposed 273,000-gallon storage tank will be constructed next to the existing storage tank around the time of connecting the 68th of the 77 lots.

"6. After making a field investigation and reviewing the water supply questionnaire submitted by the utility for the 77 lots, the Branch believes that the utility will have an adequate water supply to serve the present customers and the requested area. ✓

"Conclusions and Recommendations

"7. Based on the field inspection and the information provided by the utility, the Branch concludes that the utility will have an adequate water supply to serve the present customers and the additional 77 lots and therefore, recommends that the Commission: ✓

"A. Authorize the utility to expand its service area to include the requested units 4 through 8 of Apple Valley Estates and

"B. Grant that authorization on an Ex Parte basis."

Branch sent its report to the Tuolumne Regional Water District, to Department of Health Services, Sanitary Engineering Branch, and to applicant on August 30, 1989, requesting that any objections to it should be made known to the assigned Administrative Law Judge within 15 days. There have been no responses to the Branch report.

Findings of Fact

1. Decision 84-07-076 authorized 25 water connections in applicant's Apple Valley Estates' service area and required the utility to come before the Commission for authorization for additional service connections.

2. Applicant requests authority to expand its system to serve Units 4 through 8 of Apple Valley Estates consisting of 77 lots.

3. Branch investigated the application, found the utility to have adequate water sources with which to supply the new connections, and recommended ex parte approval of the application.

4. There being no known opposition to the application, the order should be effective immediately.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Crystal Falls Water Company may expand its service area to include Units 4 through 8 of Apple Valley Estates.

This order is effective today.

Dated JAN 9 1990, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

Commissioner Stanley W. Hulett,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

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

Wesley Franklin

WESLEY FRANKLIN, Acting Executive Director