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Decision \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Robert F. Popp for an exemption to the building moratorium Tulare Co.

Application 59158 (Filed September 24, 1979; petition for modification filed November 2, 1981)

JOHN T. BEGLEY, AUDLEY R. CAMPBELL, J. C. EVANS, CARLOS B. MORRISON, AND BERTHA HUTCHINS,

Complainants,

v.

Case 10763 (Filed July 26, 1979)

GERALD WEDEL, doing business as PINE MOUNTAIN WATER CO.,

Defendant.

PINE MOUNTAIN RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION,

Complainant,

v.

Case 10775 (Filed August 24, 1979)

GERALD WEDEL, doing business as PINE MOUNTAIN WATER CO.,

Defendant.

OPINION ON PETITION FOR MODIFICATION

Gerald Wedel, doing business as Pine Mountain Water Company, serves approximately 60 customers in a mountain community in south-central Tulare County. By petition for modification of .

Decision (D.) 91806 Wedel seeks to be relieved of the present constraint against supplying service to any new customers until authorized to do so by the Executive Director and of our order requiring installation of an additional 64,000-gallon storage tank in the system. (D.91806, May 20, 1980, Ordering Paragraphs 3 and 6; D.89266, August 22, 1978.)

Wedel requests authority to provide alternative water supply and storage by our approval of his installation of a 33,000-gallon storage tank and development of 3 new wells, two of which are stated to yield 60 gallons per minute and 80 gallons per minute, respectively, and which allegedly can deliver a constant supply of 26 to 30 gallons per minute.

This petition was served upon all parties to D.91806, and no protests or requests for hearing have been received. It presents an equally reliable and more economical plan of development of the water system than construction of one large additional storage tank on the system and, accordingly, was encouraged by the Commission in D.93498, September 1, 1981.

In addition to the petition, Wedel, by Advice Letter 8, filed October 5, 1981 and by a supplemental letter dated October 30, 1981, requests that the restriction on new service connections be modified to allow him to connect two more customers to the system. Mr. and Mrs. League, owners of Lot 45 in Tract 454, and Mr. L. J. Garey, owner of Lot 65 in Tract 454, are the prospective customers.

Our Hydraulic Branch confirms that a 33,000-gallon storage tank has been installed on a foundation and that 3 new wells have been drilled. It remains for the new storage tank to be connected into the water system by installation of approximately 2,000 feet of 6-inch main and for Wedel to provide acceptable 72-hour pump tests for the

3 new wells. When these things are done, and the system map required by Ordering Paragraph 7 of D.91806 is provided, the staff agrees that the restriction on new services may be totally lifted. In the interim period, the staff further agrees that the addition of 2 more connections to the system would not be detrimental to existing customers.

Findings of Fact

1. Wedel has installed a 33,000-gallon storage tank which requires approximately 2,000 feet of 6-inch main to connect it into the system.

2. Three new wells have been drilled which are alleged to be capable of delivering an additional constant supply of 26 to 30 gallons per minute.

3. Pump tests have not been provided for the 3 new wells.

4. The system map required by Ordering Paragraph 7 of D.91806 has not been filed.

5. Connection of the 33,000-gallon tank to the system together with the alleged quantities of water available through the new wells is a satisfactory substitute for the provision of the new 64,000-gallon storage tank required by Ordering Paragraph 6 of D.91806.

6. Upon the provision of satisfactory pump tests for the new wells, connection of the 33,000-gallon tank into the system through 6-inch mains, and filing of the required system map, Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.91806 may be rescinded.

7. Two more connections to the system at this time will not be detrimental to existing customers.

8. These service improvements can be expedited if this order is effective when signed.

9. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusions of Law

1. Ordering Paragraph 6 of D.91806 should be modified to substitute a 33,000-gallon storage tank for the specified 64,000-gallon storage tank.
2. Three new wells should be approved.
3. Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.91806 and the restriction on new service connections imposed by D.89266 should be rescinded when Wedel connects the 33,000-gallon tank to the system through a 6-inch main, files the system map required by Ordering Paragraph 7 of D.91806, and provides pump tests showing that the 3 new wells will provide at least 25 gallons per minute constant flow.
4. Two new service connections should be authorized at this time.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ordering Paragraph 6 of D.91806 is modified as follows:  
Gerald Wedel shall install an additional storage tank with a capacity of at least 33,000 gallons. Within 5 days after the new tank is placed in service, Wedel shall file a completion notice with the Commission.
2. Three new wells drilled since September 1, 1981 are approved on condition that pump tests showing that they will provide at least 25 gallons per minute constant flow are provided to the Commission.
3. The restriction on additional service connections imposed by Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.91806 and by D.89266 is modified to authorize Wedel to furnish water service to Lots 45 and 65 in Tract 454, Mountain Subdivision.

4. The restriction on additional service connections imposed by Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.91806 and by D.89266 is rescinded when:

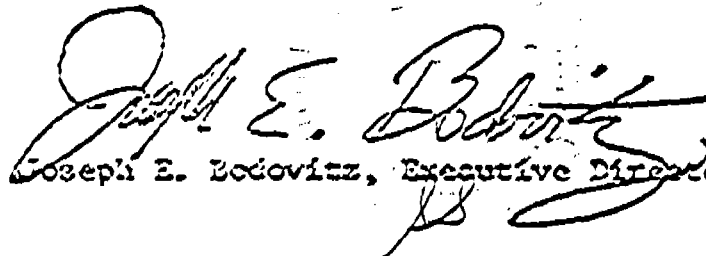
- a. The service improvements authorized in this order are completed and connected into the system within 180 days from the date of this decision; and
- b. The system map required by Ordering Paragraph 7 of D.91806 is filed.

This order is effective today.

Dated     FEB 17 1982    , at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON  
President  
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE  
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. GREW  
Commissioners

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director