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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of YUCCA WATER COMPANY, LTD to)
modify Decision 92234 in order)
to inter-connect the pipelines)
of an existing development to)
the low pressure area of Tract)
No. 7064 in Yucca Valley.)

Application 82-05-13
(Filed May 6, 1982)

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION 92234

Decision (D.) 92234 issued September 16, 1980 relating to water service to a portion of Tract 7064 located in Yucca Valley found that Yucca Water Company, Ltd. (Yucca) had the obligation to serve water to all lots in Tract 7064 and ordered Yucca to install certain facilities in order to adequately serve the higher elevation areas (low-pressure zone) of Tract 7064. Yucca has filed an application seeking a modification of D.92234 under the provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1708.

In D.92234 Yucca was ordered to take immediate steps to complete the water system in the low-pressure zone portion (upper elevation) of Tract 7064 by installing certain facilities and connecting other required appurtenances between the lower and upper elevation lots of Tract 7064. Ordering Paragraph 2 of D.92234 recites that:

- "2. Yucca Water Company (Yucca) shall, at its own expense, take immediate steps to complete the pressure zone area water system of Tract 7064 by connecting and installing a 5,000-gallon pressure tank, a 350-gpm booster pump, and other required appurtenances between the water tank serving the lower elevation lots and the distribution system serving the pressure zone area lots. Such facilities shall be in service by December 15, 1980."

Yucca alleges that at the time of the filing of Case (C.) 10787 and the subsequent hearing in January and February 1980, the proper facilities had not been installed which would comply with the Commission's General Order 103 (40 psi minimum) at the individual service connections of the 48 lots in the low-pressure zone of Tract 7064. Complainant in C.10787 owned Lots 109 and 111 in the pressure zone of Tract 7064 and was requesting water service from Yucca. Since the effective date of D.92234, Yucca alleges that it has not received a request for water service in the low-pressure zone area of Tract 7064 and that complainant in C.10787 has not renewed or pursued his request for water service to Lot 109 or Lot 111. Yucca states that subsequent to D.92234, facilities were purchased by Yucca to complete the system as ordered by D.92234. However, Yucca alleges that it was waiting to receive requests from bona fide customers prior to completing the construction as ordered. In the meantime, Yucca alleges that other developments have occurred adjacent to Tract 7064 and that it is now possible and practical to interconnect the pipelines of an existing development to the low-pressure area of Tract 7064. Yucca alleges this can be accomplished by crossing Pinion Street

with approximately 50 feet of 6-inch diameter pipe. In that event, according to Yucca, water would be supplied to the pressure zone areas of Tract 7064 from an existing 30,000-gallon reservoir which is located at an elevation sufficient to provide approximately 100 psi.

Yucca further alleges that the above-described installation will result in adequate service to all lots in the pressure zone area of Tract 7064 and will also result in a considerable reduction in cost to Yucca. Yucca alleges that it will not cause an additional operating and/or maintenance expense and will reduce the number of isolated pressure zones in the Yucca system. Yucca estimates the cost of the 50 feet of 6-inch diameter pipe valves and fittings to be approximately \$2,000 and that this tie-in can be completed within a 30-day period after this Commission approves its request for the modification of D.92234.

A staff investigation was conducted in November 1981 and the report filed in this matter indicates that the interconnection of the low-pressure area of Tract 7064 and the adjacent tract will accomplish the same purpose that our order in D.92234 was intended to serve. Staff recommends that the request for modification be granted for the following reasons in addition to the reasons cited by Yucca:

1. Service to the area will be more reliable than it would be if it were an isolated pressure system as ordered by D.92234.
2. Water pressure in the area will be more uniform than it would be if the hydro-pneumatic pressure system ordered in D.92234 was installed.
3. The proposed interconnection will provide pressure and capacity to meet the 500 gpm fire-flow requirements of General Order 103.

We will grant Yucca's request even though Yucca did not comply with Ordering Paragraph 2 in D.92234. Mitigating circumstances occurred which may have eliminated the need for service changes by December 15, 1980. However, in the future Yucca should advise the Commission of such changed circumstances as they relate to orders issued by this Commission.

Notice of the filing of this application for modification appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 8, 1982. A copy of the application was also served on the parties of record in C.10787. No protests were received.

Findings of Fact

1. Yucca was ordered, at its own expense, to complete the pressure zone area water system of Tract 7064 by connecting and installing a 5,000-gallon pressure tank, a 350-gpm booster pump, and other required appurtenances between the water tank serving the lower elevation lots and the distribution system serving the pressure zone area lots.

2. Subsequent to the issuance of D.92234, another water development was installed adjacent to Tract 7064 from which it is now possible and practical to interconnect the pipelines of such development to the low-pressure area of Tract 7064.

3. The low-pressure area of Tract 7064 will have sufficient water pressure of approximately 100 psi to satisfy General Order 103 at the individual service connections of all the lots in the low-pressure zone of Tract 7064.

4. Permitting Yucca to interconnect the pipelines of the existing adjacent development to the low-pressure area of Tract 7064 will accomplish the same purpose as Ordering Paragraph 2 in D.92234 would accomplish.

Conclusions of Law

1. Since it is now possible and practical to interconnect the pipelines of the low-pressure area of Tract 7064 to the existing adjacent development, the modifications sought by Yucca should be granted.

2. Because the interconnection will result in better water service to Tract 7064 which has been delayed since 1980, this order should be effective today.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ordering Paragraph 2 on pages 14 and 15 of Decision 92234 is rescinded and the following ordering paragraph substituted:

2. Yucca Water Company shall take immediate steps to interconnect the pipelines of the existing water installation in the tract adjacent to Tract 7064 to the low-pressure area of Tract 7064 to provide a uniform water pressure system to all lots in Tract 7064 which will meet the requirements of General Order 103.

2. Yucca Water Company, Ltd. shall file a report with this Commission within 45 days of this date indicating the status of the installation ordered.

This order is effective today.

Dated July 21, 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON

President

RICHARD D. GRAVELLE

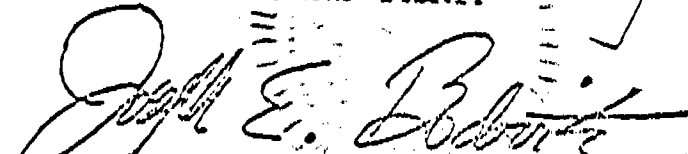
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Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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