

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 86900

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the status, operations, service, maintenance, facilities, equipment, water supply practices, rates, rules, tariff schedules and records of James J. Downey, doing business as Greenvue Estates Water Company, Inverness Park Water Company, Kenwood Village Water Company, Penngrove Water Company, Point Reyes Water Co., Rio Dell Water Company, and Russian River Terrace Water Co.; and James J. Downey and W. H. Appleton, doing business as Canon Manor Water System; and Happy Acres Water Company, Inc., in Sonoma and Marin Counties.

Case No. 9076
(Filed June 9, 1970)

Antoinette H. Cannizzaro,
Complainant,

vs

Rio Dell Water Company,
Defendant.

Case No. 10070
(Filed March 23, 1976)

Phyllis Grabe,
Complainant,

vs

Rio Dell Water Company,
Defendant.

Case No. 10103
(Filed May 21, 1976)

Dennis Reid, et al.,

Complainants,

vs

Rio Dell Water Company,

Defendant.

Case No. 10104
(Filed May 21, 1976)

Application of VERONICA A. TEDESCHI
for an order of exemption granting
permission to Rio Dell Water Company
to serve applicant's property in
Forestville, Sonoma County.

Application No. 56578
(Filed June 23, 1976)

Additional Appearances

John B. Downey, for James J. Downey, respondent
in C.9076, defendant in C.10070, 10103, and
10104, and interested party in A.56578.

Antoinette H. Cannizzaro, for herself, complainant
in C.10070 and interested party in C.9076.

Gordon Grabe and Phyllis Grabe, for themselves,
complainants in C.10103 and interested parties
in C.9076.

Fred Balthis and Dennis Reid, for themselves,
complainants in C.10104 and interested parties
in C.9076.

Veronica A. Tedeschi, Attorney at Law, for herself,
applicant in A.56578 and interested party in
C.9076.

Vic Grube, for Penngrove Fire District; Jean Denise
Knight and Fred J. Daniloff, for themselves;
and Francis J. Solvin, Attorney at Law, for
Mrs. Lillian Solvin; interested parties.

Maxine Dremann, Attorney at Law, for the Commission
staff.

FOURTH INTERIM OPINION

By Decision No. 86477 issued October 5, 1976, Application No. 56578 and Cases Nos. 10070, 10103, and 10104 were consolidated with Case No. 9076 for hearing.

Hearings were held before Examiner Cline in Guerneville on October 28, and in San Francisco on October 29 and November 17, 1976. The matter was taken under submission on the filing of late-filed Exhibit No. 72 on December 13, 1976.

At the hearing in Guerneville on October 28, 1976, a request was made on behalf of Mrs. Lillian Solvin for the Commission to authorize James J. Downey, doing business as Rio Dell Water Company, to accept an application from Mrs. Solvin to provide water service to her property located at 9740 River Road, Forestville, which property is within the service area of Rio Dell Water Company.

Evidence was introduced to show that the summer home of Mrs. Solvin was built for her by her sons sixteen years ago. Until recently, the home was served water from a well which had been drilled on the property at a cost of \$4,000. The well has now dried up and she must obtain water from her neighbors or by driving seven miles from the home to a source of supply. Exhibit No. 59 shows that Mr. Downey is willing and able to furnish water service to Mrs. Solvin's summer home.

At the time of the hearing Rio Dell Water Company was making arrangements for an interconnection with the Hollydale Mutual Water Company's water system. The Commission staff witness in Exhibit No. 72 states that the interconnection of the Hollydale Mutual Water Company's facilities to the Rio Dell system will enable Rio Dell Water Company to meet its capacity requirements at peak demands. After the interconnection is made between the Hollydale system and the Rio Dell system, service to Mrs. Solvin will have little or no effect upon the Rio Dell system due to the elevation

and closeness of the sources of supply provided that the service connection is of nominal size for residences. The staff witness recommends that upon the completion of the interconnection of the Hollydale Mutual water system with the Rio Dell system that the Rio Dell Water Company be authorized to provide service to Mrs. Lillian Solvin's summer home.

Findings

1. Until recently the summer home of Mrs. Lillian Solvin at 9740 River Road, Forestville, which was built 16 years ago, was served water from a well which had been drilled on the property at a cost of \$4,000.

2. As the water well on the property of Mrs. Solvin at 9740 River Road, Forestville, has gone dry and can no longer provide water to her summer home, Mrs. Solvin desires to obtain water service from the Rio Dell Water Company.

3. Upon completion of the interconnection between the Rio Dell water system and the Hollydale Mutual water system by Rio Dell Water Company, James J. Downey, doing business as Rio Dell Water Company will be able to provide water service to Mrs. Lillian Solvin at her summer home at 9740 River Road, Forestville, and still meet its capacity requirements at peak demands.

Conclusion

As an exception to the provisions of Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision No. 81621 dated July 24, 1973 in Case No. 9076 as modified by Ordering Paragraph 2 of Decision No. 86477 dated October 5, 1976, James J. Downey, doing business as Rio Dell Water Company, upon completion of the interconnection between the Rio Dell water system and the Hollydale Mutual water system by Rio Dell Water Company, should be authorized to provide water service to Mrs. Lillian Solvin at her summer home located at 9740 River Road, Forestville, California.

FOURTH INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. As an exception to Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision No. 81621 dated July 24, 1973 in Case No. 9076 as modified by Ordering Paragraph 2 of Decision No. 86477, James J. Downey, doing business as Rio Dell Water Company, upon completion of an interconnection between the Rio Dell water system and the Hollydale Mutual water system by Rio Dell Water Company, is authorized to accept an application for water service from Mrs. Lillian Selvin and to provide water service to her summer home at 9740 River Road, Forestville, California.

2. James J. Downey, doing business as Rio Dell Water Company, shall notify this Commission in writing of the completion of an interconnection between Rio Dell water system and the Hollydale Mutual water system within five days of the completion of such interconnection by the Rio Dell Water Company.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of JANUARY, 1977.

Robert B. ...
President
William ...
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Commissioners