

Decision No. 87117

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, practices, service, equipment, facilities, rules, regulations, and contracts relating to WATER CONSERVATION in existing and new residential, commercial, industrial, public authority, and agricultural classes of service.

Case No. 10114  
(Filed June 8, 1976)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR NOTIFICATION  
OF THE COMMISSION OF AN EQUALLY COST-  
EFFECTIVE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision No. 86959 directs respondent Class A, B, and C water utilities to provide and distribute the water conservation kits described in the order "or equivalent". Ordering Paragraph 1 provides that such utilities are to distribute the kit described in the order "or in the alternative to notify the Commission within thirty days of the effective date of this order of the utility's equally cost-effective water conservation program, ...".

By its letter of March 8, 1977, the California Water Association (Association), in behalf of those of its members which are Class A, B, and C water utilities, has notified the Commission that certain of its members have determined that a mailable kit containing a plastic displacement bag substantially in the form of Exhibit P-35 in Case No. 10114 is the equivalent of the kit specified in Decision No. 86959. The Association believes that the distribution of such a kit would constitute an "equally cost-effective water conservation program" within the meaning of the decision.

Under the Commission's order, any notification of an election to adopt an equally cost-effective program must be given on or before March 14, 1977. Because of the time required for other of its member utilities to examine, test, and decide upon the use of such alternative kits, the Association, on behalf of its Class A, B, and C members, requests that the time within which these utilities may give definitive notification to the Commission of their individual elections to distribute alternative types of kits be extended for an additional thirty days.

The Commission notes that the Association's request pertains only to the 30-day deadline for notification of alternative water conservation programs, and not to the 60-day deadline for the provision and distribution of the specified water conservation kits or their equivalent. The requested extension would therefore not delay the actual distribution of the kits. The requested extension of time will therefore be granted.

The drought now appears to be even more serious than it did on the February 10, 1977 issuance date of Decision No. 86959. Respondent utilities are cautioned that requests for delay of implementation of the programs required by Decision No. 86959 will be granted for only the most compelling reasons.

IT IS ORDERED that the time within which respondent Class A, B, and C water utilities shall, in the alternative to distributing the specified water conservation kits, notify the

Commission of the utility's equally cost-effective water conservation program, as required by Ordering Paragraph 1 of Decision No. 86959, is extended from March 14, 1977 to April 13, 1977.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of MARCH, 1977.

Robert Bakum  
President  
William S. ...  
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Commissioners