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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of CARL OUTZEN to obtain metered services from fire main extension to California American Monterey Division water mains.

Application No. 57713
(Filed November 30, 1977)

O P I N I O N

Carl Outzen, who proposes to construct a 24-unit condominium in Monterey, requests authority to connect water service to a 6-inch main extension he intends to install for fire purposes instead of connecting to an existing 4-inch main on Ramona Avenue located approximately 240 feet from the proposed structure.

Because applicant secured a building permit prior to the effective date of Decision No. 84527, which restricted California-American Water Company from making new connections, he is entitled to water service.

According to applicant the existing 4-inch main on Ramona Avenue presently serves numerous customers, including several multiple dwelling complexes. To provide for the installation of individual meters and uniform water pressure and to reduce the amount of pipe required, applicant proposes to connect to a 12-inch main by way of a 6-inch fire main extension.

By Decision No. 81443 dated May 30, 1973 in Case No. 9530, California-American Water Company was restricted against extending or accepting distribution mains to serve new developments. The restriction prevents applicant from constructing a distribution main extension from the 12-inch main; he, therefore, proposes to construct a fire service main, which would be exempt from the restriction.

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Service from the 12-inch main via the 6-inch fire main extension for water service to the 24-unit condominium in lieu of connection to the existing 4-inch main on Ramona Avenue will provide more uniform pressures for the 24 new customers. It will also reduce the potential increase in pressure fluctuations on the Ramona main which would adversely affect the customers now being served on that main.

After consideration the Commission finds that the providing of metered water service from the fire main extension to California-American Monterey Division water mains is justified notwithstanding the restriction against extending or accepting distribution mains to serve new developments as ordered by our Decision No. 81443, dated May 30, 1973, in Case No. 9530. This finding is not to be construed as a precedent for relaxation of the restrictions provided by Decision No. 81443, nor as changing the status of the fire protection main under the Commission's Standard Rule 15.

The 6-inch fire protection main will remain subject to the provisions of the Main Extension Rule, Paragraph D.3. which provides that the cost of the main, for fire protection purposes, is paid to the utility as a contribution in aid of construction.

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IT IS ORDERED that upon application California-American Water Company shall provide individually metered water services from the fire main extension to Carl Outzen for the 24-unit condominium at 515-521 Ramona Avenue, Monterey, California.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of JANUARY, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President
William S. Johnson Jr.
Virginia L. Sturgeon
Richard W. Howell
Clara L. Schick
Commissioners