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Decision No. 88537 MAR 7 1978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of Santa Clarita Water Company  
for Authority to Expand its Public  
Utility Service Area in a portion  
of Northeast Los Angeles County.

Application No. 54934  
(Petition for Modification of  
Decision No. 85088 filed  
January 11, 1978)

O P I N I O N

Petitioner, Santa Clarita Water Company (Clarita), seeks modification of our D.85088 dated November 12, 1975 in consolidated proceedings in A.54934, A.55075, and C.9766. Authority is sought, however, to provide service to a 30.8-acre parcel of land adjacent to Clarita's present service area. In D.85088 we ordered Clarita and Valencia Water Company (Valencia) not to extend their service areas in a certain 1,500-acre unincorporated area near Saugus in the future without our prior approval. This petition appears to be in compliance with that order.

By D.85088, among other things, we granted Clarita a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve the 22-acre site of the proposed Cordova Mobile Home Estates West. This park is owned and was developed by Newhall Land and Farming Company (NL&FC) and is Unit 1 of a larger proposed development.

NL&FC now proposes to develop Unit 2 consisting of a 30.8-acre parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Soledad Canyon Road west of and adjacent to Cordova Mobile Home Estates West (since changed to Greenbrier Mobile Home Park). The new development is known as Greenbrier Mobile Home Park Unit 2.

On November 2, 1977 NL&FC requested water service from Clarita for Unit 2, and for seven small commercially zoned properties abutting Soledad Canyon Road, all of which areas comprise the said 30.8-acre parcel.

Valencia is the only other water utility in the area. By letter of December 29, 1977 (attached as Exhibit "B" to the petition) addressed to the Commission, Valencia expressed its belief that the requested extension is in the best interest of the community, is justified by public convenience and necessity, and therefore concurs with and approves said petition.

Clarita requests ex parte action as soon as possible in order to accommodate NL&FC which is anxious to commence grading and other construction activities for which it will need water immediately.

No protests have been received. The staff recommends ex parte approval of the petition.

Findings of Fact

1. A public hearing is not necessary.
2. NL&FC has requested Clarita to provide water service to a 30.8-acre parcel of land located in unincorporated area near Saugus and located on the northerly side of Soledad Canyon Road west of Greenbrier Mobile Home Park in the Newhall Zoned District of Los Angeles County.
3. NL&FC needs immediate water service in order to commence construction.

4. The only other competing water utility in the area concurs with and approves Clarita's request to extend its service area.

5. Public convenience and necessity require that Clarita be authorized to serve the 30.8-acre parcel of land described in Finding 3, and shown on Los Angeles County Parcel Map No. 8675.

Conclusion of Law

Clarita should be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity as requested.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Santa Clarita Water Company (Clarita) authorizing it to serve the 30.8-acre site of the proposed Greenbrier Mobile Home Park Unit No. 2 situated on the northerly side of Soledad Canyon Road west of Greenbrier Mobile Home Park Unit No. 1 in the Newhall Zoned District of Los Angeles County as shown on Los Angeles County Parcel Map No. 8675, and for seven small commercially zoned properties abutting Soledad Canyon Road, all of which are located in the 30.8-acre parcel.

2. Clarita is authorized to file, after the effective date of this order, a tariff service area map clearly indicating the boundaries of its certificated area. Such filing should comply with General Order No. 96-A and shall become effective on the fourth day after the date of filing.

3. Compliance by Clarita with paragraph 2 of this order shall constitute acceptance by it of the right and obligation to furnish public utility water service to the area certificated herein. The authority granted herein shall expire unless the designated tariff sheets are filed within one year after the effective date of this order.

4. Within ten days after service is first furnished to the public under the authority granted herein, Clarita shall file in this proceeding written notice thereof to this Commission.

5. Except as modified by this order Decision No. 85088 remains in effect.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th  
day of MARCH, 1978.

Robert Babine  
President  
William G. Grouse, Jr.  
Gregory L. Sturgeon  
Charles D. Gault  
Clair D. DeLoach  
Commissioners