

Decision No. 89399 SEP 19 1978

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application
of Antelope Valley Water Company,
a California Corporation, for
authorization to rescind
Decision No. 83995 imposing a
moratorium on new services.

Application No. 58172
(Filed June 23, 1978)

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 83995

Applicant, Antelope Valley Water Company, requests that the restrictions placed on new water service connections in Applicant's Leona Valley District, by Decision No. 83995, dated January 21, 1975 in Case No. 9787, be rescinded.

Applicant, by Advice Letter 21 filed August 1, 1974, stated that it would provide no additional connections to its Leona Valley water system due to a critical water shortage and to protect existing customers. Due to the filing of a complaint, Case No. 9787, a public hearing was held and Decision No. 83995 was issued, in which Ordering Paragraph No. 1 authorized 16 additional connections and Ordering Paragraph No. 2 ordered that the moratorium remain in effect otherwise.

Due to further decrease in the available water supply, this Commission as an emergency measure ordered flow restrictors placed in customers' meters by Decision No. 85675, dated April 13, 1976. This action was rescinded by Decision No. 86478, dated October 5, 1976, upon a showing that customer demands had been sufficiently reduced to make it no longer necessary.

This Commission found, in Decision No. 83995, that approximately 275 customers were connected to the Leona Valley District. It was testified that water production at that time was 295 gallons per minute, or 427,000 gallons per day. It was also estimated that

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400 to 450 customers would be the maximum possible in the valley. At the same rate of usage of 1,550 gallons per day per customer, the water supply requirement would be approximately 700,000 gallons per day for 450 customers.

Applicant now alleges that it has completed a connection to the California state water project via the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) and has been receiving water since March, 1978. The connection serves as an auxiliary supply to the Leona Valley District. AVEK indicated by letter dated January 23, 1978, (Attachment A to the application) that they expected to provide regular uninterrupted service of potable water commencing on March 1, 1978. ✓

Investigation by the Commission staff confirms that this service exists, and that approximately 1,350 gallons per minute are available through a 12-inch service main. This is 1,944,000 gallons per day, or an increase of nearly three times the estimated maximum daily use.

The Commission finds that the Leona Valley District of the Antelope Valley Water Company now has an adequate supply of potable water, and that additional customers may be served without injuriously withdrawing the supply wholly or in part from those who theretofore have been supplied by Applicant. The application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of Decision No. 83995, dated January 21, 1975, is rescinded.

The effective date of this order is thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman
 President

William A. Quinn, Jr.

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Charles W. Howell

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 Commissioners