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Decision No. 90359

MAY 30 1979

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Mission Hills	)	
Utility Co., a corporation, for	)	
authority to issue stock and a	)	Application No. 54023
promissory note, and to require	)	
certain assets of Mission Hills	)	
Water Co., and for a certificate	)	
of public convenience and	)	
necessity.	)	
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INTERIM OPINION

On July 19, 1976 the Commission issued Decision No. 86147 in Application No. 54023. On October 17, 1977 Mission Hills Community Council filed a petition to reopen the proceeding and to modify Decision No. 86147. The petition to reopen was granted on March 3, 1978. On May 25, 1979, Park Water Company assumed operating responsibility of Mission Hills Utility Company and Lompoc Sewer Services. This was done as a result of a telegraphed order being sent to Park Water Company by the President of this Commission. This was an emergency situation. The Commission had been informed by the office of a Santa Barbara County Supervisor and others that the water utility's main well which had

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been out of commission since May 12, 1979 had been neither repaired nor replaced, that the owner of the water company was not in the state, that the utility employees were not working because of a pay dispute, and that the standby water source was not operating efficiently, causing some customers to experience water outages. It was feared that this smaller standby water well would fail, which would necessitate importing water from another source.

Since Friday, May 25, 1979, the system has been operated and is still being operated by Park Water Company. Park Water Company has volunteered to continue this arrangement until normalcy returns. We commend Park Water Company for this display of cooperation. To assure that Park will not be out of pocket for its activities we hereby give it authority to collect all revenues of Mission Hills Utility Company and Lompoc Sewer Services, as of May 25, 1979, until further notice by this Commission. These revenues shall be maintained in a separate account. After recovering its reasonable expenses Park shall use the funds to make whatever repairs or expenditures it feels necessary to get over the present emergency.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Park Water Company is authorized to manage and operate Mission Hills Utility Company and Lompoc Utility Services until further order of the Commission.

2. In performance of its management duties, Park Water Company may collect all revenues for water and utility service as of May 25, 1979. It may endorse all checks made out to Mission Hills Utility Company and Lompoc Sewer Services and shall deposit them in a separate account. It may draw against that account to pay its management expenses, for repairs to the utility systems and for any other routine expenses to the extent that it has revenue from the operation of the system.

The effective date is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of MAY, 1979.

John E. Bryan  
President

Richard D. Stovall

Lawrence W. Rife

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.