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Decision No. 90433

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's
own motion to determine the
revisions to the Uniform Main
Extension Rules for water
utilities necessitated by
modifications to General Order
No. 103 ordered by Decision
No. 84334.

Case No. 9902

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

On April 15, 1975, in Case No. 9902, the Commission instituted an investigation into the operations and service of public utility water companies to determine what revision of Rule 15 (the "Water Main Extension Rule") was necessitated by the modifications to General Order No. 103 ordered by Decision No. 84334.

On November 28, 1978, by Decision No. 89695, the Commission ordered that all inquiries previously ordered in Case No. 9902 be superseded by the following:

1. Should facilities contributed to a sewer or water utility be transferred without compensation in the event of their acquisition by a public agency?
2. Should money or facilities provided by an applicant for a sewer or water main extension no longer be subject to refund?
3. Should free-footage allowances for individual applicants be either modified or eliminated?

Decision No. 89695 then further ordered the staff to prepare a report setting forth its recommendations as to these inquiries, including revised tariffs which incorporate any

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recommended changes and distribute within ninety days following the effective date of the order a copy of that report to all respondents and interested parties.

Decision No. 90009 granted a request by the staff that the due date for distribution of the staff report be extended to July 2, 1979.

Senate Bill 144 (SB 144), introduced on January 2, 1979, and amended on May 8, 1979, if enacted in its present form, would remove the Commission's jurisdiction over all water corporations except those which serve in more than one county or have 150,000 or more customers within a single county or where the operator of the water system is a gas or electrical corporation subject to the jurisdiction and control of this Commission. This proposed legislation would remove approximately 329 of the 356 water corporations from the Commission's jurisdiction. On May 22, 1979, the Commission requested that SB 144 not be pursued on a one-year bill basis and recommended that it be subject to interim study by a legislative committee.

The staff report ordered by Decisions Nos. 89695 and 90009 is due for distribution on July 2, 1979. However, the staff is of the opinion that the possible enactment of SB 144 and the consequent loss of Commission jurisdiction over the vast majority of water corporations could materially alter the nature and extent of otherwise necessary revisions to the Uniform Main Extension Rules. Accordingly, the staff has requested that the time for distribution of its report be extended from July 2, 1979 until February 2, 1980.

After consideration of this matter we conclude that the staff request is reasonable, and in the public interest; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The date for distribution of this staff report required by Decisions Nos. 89695 and 90009 be extended to February 2, 1980.
2. The Executive Director shall cause a certified copy of this order to be mailed to all respondents and interested parties in Case No. 9902.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 10th day of JUNE, 1979.

John E. Byron
President
William L. ...
Charles D. ...
Alvin T. ...
Thomas M. ...
Commissioners