Decision No.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APR 15 1980

In the Matter of the Application) of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY,) a corporation, for an order) authorizing it to increase rates) charged for water service in the) Salinas district.)

Application No. 57330 (Filed May 23, 1977; amended June 1, 1977 and August 31, 1977)

McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, by <u>Crawford Greene</u>, Attorney at Law, for applicant. Jasper Williams and <u>Elmer Sjostrom</u>, Attorneys at Law, and <u>Ernst G. Knolle</u>, <u>Kenneth Chew</u>, <u>Francis S.</u> <u>Ferraro</u>, and <u>A. V. Garde</u>, for the Commission staff.

ORDER

Decision No. 89110 in this proceeding provides:

"4. Applicant's request for a preliminary decision is denied. Applicant shall, by August 1, 1978, file an advice letter reducing the rates set forth in Appendix A to account for the ad valorem tax saving it estimates will result from the adoption of California Constitution Article XIII-A. It shall, at the same time, file in this proceeding and serve an explanation of its estimate and proposed modifications in Appendices B and C."

On July 28, 1978, applicant filed Advice Letter No. 630 requesting rate reduction for all its districts to offset the reduction in ad valorem taxes resulting from the passage of California Constitution Article XIII-A. The staff reviewed the advice letter filing and informed the utility that the requested rate decreases were reasonable. Before authorizing step rates for 1979 and 1980, the tariffs shown in Appendices B and C were modified

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to include the savings resulting from the passage of Article XIII-A of California Constitution.

We find that applicant has substantially complied with said order and conclude that this proceeding should be closed.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this proceeding is closed and Decision No. 89110 shall stand as the Commission's final disposition of this proceeding.

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

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Dated APR 15 1980 . at San Francisco, California.

President

Commissioner John E. Bryson, being necessarily absent, did not participate.