

Decision No. 91973 JUL 2 1980

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Helen P. Lysenko to obtain a variance from Decision No. 76673 to allow Fitch Mountain Water Company to supply water to Lot 113, Block A, Del Rio Woods Subdivision No. 2 in Healdsburg, California.

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 59531  
(Filed March 21, 1980)

O P I N I O N

By Application No. 59531 filed March 21, 1980, Helen P. Lysenko (applicant) seeks a variance from the moratorium on new service connections imposed by the Commission on the Fitch Mountain Water Company (Fitch Mountain). Applicant requests authorization for Fitch Mountain to connect water service to Lot 113, Block A, Del Rio Woods Subdivision No. 2, Healdsburg, California, upon which applicant intends to construct her residence. Lot 113 is within the certificated service area of Fitch Mountain, but new water service connections are currently prohibited by Ordering Paragraph 4, Decision No. 76673 issued January 20, 1970.

Decision No. 76673 recounts a woeful tale of customer concern over water outages, low pressure, low levels of water in storage tanks and dirty water. Against this backdrop, the Commission concluded that a restriction should be imposed upon new service additions until adequate system improvements were undertaken and completed by Fitch Mountain.

Applicant alleges that sufficient improvements have now been completed by Fitch Mountain to justify Commission authorization of the new service connection. Applicant contends that Fitch Mountain has improved service to the area in question by looping the line and increasing the pressure and further maintains that utility service to current customers will not be adversely affected by extension of water service to Lot 113.

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A.59531 ALJ/ck/hh \*

Applicant supports her contentions with a letter from Warren J. Toomey, president of Fitch Mountain, attached to the application as Exhibit A. Mr. Toomey indicates that in recent years the volume and pressure of the Riverview Drive and Hill Top Road lines which would serve applicant's Lot 113 have been increased by introducing water into the far end of the line with another pump. Mr. Toomey further states his belief that Fitch Mountain has "plenty of water and pressure in the line" which serves applicant's property.

Staff of the Hydraulic Branch has reviewed the subject application and verified that the above-referenced improvements to the Fitch Mountain system have been made. The staff concludes that adequate water supply and system pressure exist in Fitch Mountain to warrant approval of applicant's variance. ✓

Applicant has owned the property in question and paid taxes on such property for several years with the expectation that she would be able to construct her residence upon it when necessary improvements to the water system were made. Based upon information provided by applicant, Fitch Mountain, and the staff, the Commission concludes that sufficient improvements have been completed at Fitch Mountain to warrant a deviation from our moratorium and to allow a water service connection for applicant. ✓

Applicant has indicated that construction of her primary residence on Lot 113 awaits connection of water service; this demonstrated need warrants issuance of this order with an immediate effective date so that applicant and the utility can plan and proceed accordingly.

Findings of Fact

1. Decision No. 76673 issued January 20, 1970, proscribes extension of water service to any new customer by Fitch Mountain without further order of the Commission.

2. Applicant seeks a water service connection to Lot 113, Block A, Del Rio Woods Subdivision No. 2, Healdsburg upon which her residence will be constructed.

3. In recent years, Fitch Mountain has improved service to the area in which Lot 113 is located and increased pressure in its lines by addition of another pump.

4. Current water supplies and pressure levels are sufficient to provide service to Lot 113.

5. Existing service will not be adversely affected by extension of water service to Lot 113.

6. Applicant has demonstrated a need for connection of water service, and the following order should be effective the date of signature.

Conclusion of Law

Extension of water service by Fitch Mountain Water Company to Lot 113, Block A, Del Rio Woods Subdivision No. 2, Healdsburg is in the public interest.

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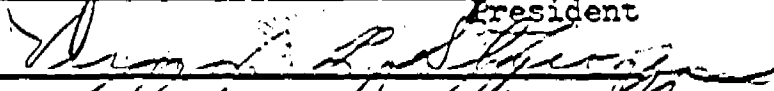

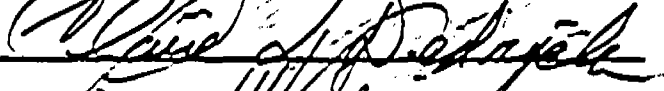

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Fitch Mountain Water Company shall provide water service to Helen P. Lysenko at Lot 113, Block A, Del Rio Woods Subdivision No. 2, Healdsburg, California at its currently applicable rates and charges.

2. In all other respects, Decision No. 76673 shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated   JUL 2 1980  , at San Francisco, California.

  
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