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Decision No. 92063 JUL 29 1980

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of RUSSIAN RIVER WATER)	
COMPANY, INC. for Modification of)	Application No. 59683
Decision No. 81621 to Permit)	(Filed May 21, 1980)
Limited Water Service to One)	
Additional Customer.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Russian River Water Company, Inc. (applicant) requests authority to provide limited domestic water service to a single parcel of land, located between River Road and the Russian River, owned by Miguel Acuna (Acuna) of 10355 Scenic Drive, Forestville, California 95436. The parcel of land owned by Acuna is used primarily for weekend recreational purposes. The land is subject to inundation each winter when the river rises so that no permanent structures or living accommodations can be constructed thereon.

By Decision No. 81621 dated July 24, 1973 in Case No. 9076, James J. Downey, dba Rio Dell Water Company (Rio Dell) and Russian River Terrace Water Company (Russian River Terrace), was ordered to limit water service to those customers then being served by said water systems.

Applicant is the successor public utility corporation to James J. Downey, dba Rio Dell and Russian River Terrace. Transfer of utility properties from James J. Downey to Russian River Water Company, Inc. was authorized by Decision No. 90708 dated August 28, 1979.

Applicant has a water main running parallel to River Road, along the edge of Acuna's property. Applicant proposes to tap this main to provide Acuna with water for drinking purposes and limited domestic use. Such tap will not be used to provide water service to any permanent structures or for irrigation. Acuna will be billed at the applicable residential tariff rate.

In connection with this matter, Acuna has offered to provide applicant with an easement along the edge of his property at no cost to applicant so that a new main can be installed to interconnect its Rio Dell and Russian River Terrace water systems.

Granting this application means applicant will have an easement to facilitate an interconnection between its Rio Dell and Russian River Terrace water systems. This interconnection will provide more reliable water service for all existing customers. Obtaining the necessary easement from Acuna without cost or condemnation is a savings that accrues to all customers. Given these circumstances, and since applicant's service to existing customers will not be jeopardized, we believe the application should be granted.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant currently is restricted from extending water service to any additional customers.
2. Acuna owns a parcel of land between the River Road and Russian River, in the service area of Rio Dell for which he desires to obtain water service, limited to drinking water and other domestic usage. No permanent structures can be built on this land because it is subject to inundation.
3. Acuna has offered to provide the utility with an easement, without charge, to enable the utility to lay a new main to interconnect its Rio Dell and Russian River Terrace water systems.

4. Lifting of the restriction on new customers ordered by Decision No. 81621, for the limited purpose requested in this application, will not jeopardize service to applicant's existing customers.

5. Acquiring an easement from Acuna will enable applicant to more easily interconnect its two water systems and to provide more reliable water service.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted as set forth in the following order. A formal hearing is not necessary.

2. The order should be made effective the date hereof to permit Acuna to receive water service during the summer season and to facilitate an intertie between applicant's two systems at the earliest date.

IT IS ORDERED that Russian River Water Company, Inc., in exchange for the easement described in Finding 3, is authorized to provide water service at regular tariff rates through a service line

capable of being locked out when not in use to the parcel of land, lying between River Road and the Russian River, owned by Miguel Acuna. Said water service shall be for domestic purposes only, with the express condition that water will not be supplied for irrigation or to serve any permanent structures.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated July 29 1966, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Cuyler
 President

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 Commissioners