

Decision 97-08-009 August 1, 1997

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the California Water Association for Commission Adoption of a Cost of Service Balancing Account Ratemaking Mechanism for Class C and D Water Utilities.

Application 95-03-064
(Filed March 30, 1995)

O P I N I O N

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1. Summary

The California Water Association (CWA) moves to dismiss this application without prejudice to refileing. Granted.

2. Background

CWA filed this application seeking to revise the regulatory framework by which the Commission regulates smaller investor-owned water utilities. The association proposed a cost-of-service balancing account for rate-setting to reduce the time required for consideration of rate increase requests.

Following preliminary hearings, the Commission's Water Division was directed by Assigned Commissioner Henry M. Duque to prepare an analysis of the association's recommendations. The analysis was distributed on May 3, 1996, and the parties have worked together since that time to develop new procedures for processing small water company rate requests.

CWA states that while it has formed no opinion on new Water Division procedures, it now desires to continue with these efforts rather than to proceed to hearing on its original application.

3. Motion to Dismiss

CWA on June 13, 1997, moved to dismiss this application without prejudice to refileing this or a similar application at a later date. No objections to the motion have been received, and the time for filing objections has expired. The motion is granted.

Findings of Fact

1. CWA filed this application on March 30, 1995.
2. The Commission's Water Division, in concert with CWA, has developed new procedures for processing rate requests of smaller investor-owned water utilities.
3. CWA on June 13, 1997, moved to dismiss this application without prejudice to later refiling.
4. No objections to the motion to dismiss have been filed.
5. Because this matter has been pending for some time, our order today should be made effective immediately.

Conclusion of Law

CWA's motion to dismiss should be granted, and this application should be closed.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion of the California Water Association to dismiss this application without prejudice to later refiling is granted.
2. Application 95-03-064 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated August 1, 1997, at San Francisco, California.

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President

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Commissioners