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RESOLUTION NO. W-1925

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Hydraulic
DATE: June 15, 1976

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Tahoe Keys Water Company to Increase Rates for Water Service in El Dorado County.

WHEREAS: TAHOE KEYS WATER COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 7, filed May 27, 1976, requests authority under General Order No. 96-A, Section VI, and Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase rates for water service in El Dorado County, and

WHEREAS: The Commission is of the opinion, after investigation by its staff, that the requested rate increase is reasonable.

THE COMMISSION FINDS that the increased rates hereby authorized are justified and that the present rates are, for the future, unjust and unreasonable.

IT IS ORDERED that Tahoe Keys Water Company, is authorized to make effective the revised rate schedules attached to Advice Letter No. 7 and on the effective date herein to cancel the presently effective rate schedules for water service. The effective date of the revised rate schedules shall be July 1, 1976. The effective date of this resolution is the date hereof.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, held on the 15th day of June, 1976, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

D. W. HOLMES
President
WILLIAM SYMONS, JR.
VERNON L. STURGEON
ROBERT BATINOVICH
Commissioners

William R. Johnson
Executive Director

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TO THE CUSTOMERS OF TAHOE KEYS WATER COMPANY

We recently informed you that the Commission would give consideration to the views expressed in your letters which were prompted by the request of Tahoe Keys Water Company for authority to increase rates by about 20%.

Some of you mention that you feel the rates are too high considering how little water you use. Though you may use the water only occasionally during the year, the water system must be constructed and maintained in such a manner that the total demands of all customers may be met. Also, year-round maintenance, taxes and depreciation are the same whether the customers are there continuously or not. The utility is required to have the water available for customers, including occasional customers, at any time during the year.

Our staff has concluded its investigation of this matter, and based upon this study and its conclusion, the Commission has authorized the requested increase to become effective on July 1, 1976.

The staff's analysis of the utility's operations shows that the authorized increase would change an annual loss into a profit of 5.4%.

One of the reasons for asking customers to write to the Commission is to save the taxpayers of California the high cost of holding a hearing on the matters. Eleven customers wrote letters detailing their experiences and thoughts. Additionally, a staff engineer interviewed customers during his field investigation. The information thus collected is deemed sufficient. A hearing will not be necessary.

The Commission appreciated your cooperation in writing to us about this matter.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

By

WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, Executive Director