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RESOLUTION NO. W-1593

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Hydraulic
DATE: July 16, 1974

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Order authorizing Cedar Ridge Water Company to increase rates for water service in Tuolumne County.

WHEREAS: CEDAR RIDGE WATER COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 19, filed July 2, 1974, 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 Tuolumne County, and

WHEREAS: The Commission is of the opinion, after investigation by its staff, that the present rates are, for the future, unjust and unreasonable,

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 Cedar Ridge Water Company, is authorized to make effective the revised rate schedules attached to Advice Letter No. 19 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 August 1, 1974.

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 16th day of July, 1974, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

VERNON L. STURGEON, President
WILLIAM SYMONS, JR., J. P. VUKASIN, JR.,
THOMAS MORAN, D. W. HOLMES, Commissioners

William R. Johnson
Secretary

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TO THE CUSTOMERS OF CEDAR RIDGE WATER COMPANY

Some time ago we informed you that the Commission would give consideration to the views expressed in your letters and a petition which were prompted by the request of Cedar Ridge Water Company for authority to increase rates for water service. Our staff then concluded its investigation of this matter. Based upon the staff's study and conclusions, the Commission has now authorized an increase of 100% in water rates to become effective on August 1, 1974.

The staff's investigation disclosed that the utility is presently operating at a considerable loss and that even with a 100% increase, it will not be fairly compensated for the service and investment it is providing.

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.

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. Over 20 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 is not necessary.

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

Very truly yours,
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
By
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, Secretary
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