

Decision No. 11701.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ORIGINAL**

In the Matter of the Application of )  
ALBERT B. HOLSON for an order author- )  
izing him to discontinue the opera- ) Application No. 8386.  
tion of the Holson Heights Water )  
Works and to abandon the same forever. )

LeDoux and Hogan by R. L. Hogan, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application Albert B. Holson asks authority to discontinue the operation of the Holson Heights water Works, a small public utility engaged in the business of distributing and selling water for domestic purposes in and in the vicinity of Holson Heights, a subdivision in the city of Los Angeles, California.

Applicant alleges in effect that the Bureau of Public Service of the City of Los Angeles has installed and is willing to extend its water mains into the territory now served by applicant, thus making it unprofitable to operate the plant for the few consumers remaining on the system; that the present plant is badly in need of repair, the cost of which if made will be a total loss.

A public hearing was held at Los Angeles before Examiner Williams, of which all of applicant's consumers were notified and given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

The evidence shows that the Bureau of Public Service of the City of Los Angeles has already paralleled the water mains of applicant on all streets except 83rd and 84th Streets, and that said Board stands ready and willing to place mains in these streets as soon as the required number of signatures of consumers are obtained. The City extends its mains 200 feet for each consumer and it is probable that there are sufficient residents on 83rd and 84th Streets at the present time to secure the city mains without an extra deposit being made in addition to the regular assessment levied on each lot.

It was shown that twenty of applicant's consumers, out of a total of forty-eight, have connected to the city mains. Several consumers testified that they desired to sign up and receive the city water as soon as they are financially able to do so. However, the few consumers living on 83rd and 84th Streets do not feel that they should be required to make an extra deposit with the city to secure the water mains in the streets.

After a careful consideration of the evidence, the conclusion is reached that there is an adequate alternative water supply available for the use of all consumers, and that it would be unjust to require the replacement of the pumping equipment and the continuation of the supply of water in view of the presence of the municipal system, the mains of which are already in place in the streets or available under the City's extension rule.

#### O R D E R

Albert B. Holson, owner and operator of the Holson Heights Water Works, furnishing and distributing water in and in the vicinity of Holson Heights, a subdivision in the City of Los Angeles, California, having made application to this Commission

for authority to abandon the service of water as a public utility, a public hearing having been held and the matter having been submitted,

It is Hereby Found as a Fact that public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operation of Holson Heights Water Works.

And basing the order upon the foregoing finding of fact and upon the further statements of fact contained in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Albert B. Holson be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue the service of water to the consumers of the Holson Heights Water Works on and after April 1, 1923.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that within ten (10) days of the date of this order Albert B. Holson be and he is hereby directed to notify each consumer in writing of his intention to discontinue service on April 1st, 1923, and that within fifteen (15) days of the date of this order he furnish the Commission an affidavit setting forth the fact that each consumer affected by this order had been notified of such intention to discontinue service.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1923.

Al Seavey

Irving Matteson  
Egerton Shore

J. T. Whittelsey  
Commissioners.