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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
W. T. ESTEP to have transferred to)
him the water works distributing)
system and other property formerly)
owned by Estep & Kohler, a partner-)
ship.)

Application No. 8572.

Salzman & Kornblum, by I. B. Kornblum, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application W. T. Estep asks that the water distributing system known as the North Moneta Garden Lands and Water Company, supplying water to the North Moneta Garden Lands Subdivision, Los Angeles County, California, be transferred from the co-partnership of Estep and Kohler to W. T. Estep.

A public hearing was held at Los Angeles before Examiner Williams on March 31, 1923. Due notice of hearing was made and all interested parties were given an opportunity to be present and to be heard.

The property involved in this matter was transferred to the co-partnership of Estep and Kohler by order of the Railroad Commission in Decision No. 10982, dated September 14, 1922.

The testimony shows that at or about the time the above transfer was authorized by the Commission the co-partnership of Estep and Kohler was dissolved. Mr. Kohler in settling the partnership deeded all his title in the property to Mr. Estep. It is now im-

possible to locate him and obtain his participation in this application and he did not appear to contest the granting of the application, in response to published notice of the hearing filed herein as Applicant's Exhibit No.1.

Mr. Estep has operated the water system since the transfer referred to above was authorized by the Commission, and has expended approximately \$5,000 on improvements to the system.

Satisfactory evidence was submitted at the hearing to show Mr. Estep's financial ability to carry on the operation of the utility business and it appears that the transfer of the system, as indicated, would be in the public interest.

O R D E R

Application having been made to the Railroad Commission as entitled above, wherein W. T. Estep asks authority to transfer certain public utility property from the co-partnership of Estep and Kohler to W. T. Estep, a public hearing having been held thereon, and the matter having been submitted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the authority sought in the above entitled application be and it is hereby granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The property to be transferred consists of the south three (3) acres of Lot fifteen (15), in Tract No. 874, as recorded in Book 18, page 136 of Maps, Los Angeles County records, also all tanks, pumps, motors, piping, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances thereon belonging to Estep and Kohler and known as the North Moneta Garden Lands and Water Company and used in connection with its water utility business, together with the distribution pipe system and appurtenances located in said Tract No. 874.
2. The consideration given for the transfer herein authorized shall not be urged before this Commission or any other public

body as a finding of value of said property for rate fixing or any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.

3. The authority granted herein to transfer said property shall apply only to such transfer as shall have been made on or before July 1, 1923.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of
April, 1923.

Chesney
H. B. Lundberg
Erving Martin

Commissioners.