

Decision No. 14187.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of the Application of
CORISTA GUIBBINI
for an order authorizing the discon-
tinuance of the service of water and
to be discharged as a public utility.)

) Application No. 10474.

G. Guibbini. for applicant.

Julia S. Hamilton, for Inverness
Water Works.

WHEATLESEY, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Corista Guibbini asks for an order of the Commission authorizing the discontinuance of water service to consumers in the town of Inverness, Marin County, and for a release from the public utility obligations connected with that service. The application alleges in effect that the springs which have heretofore furnished the water supply for delivery to consumers have ceased to flow sufficiently to supply all the demands made upon the system.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held at Inverness after all consumers had been duly notified and given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

The evidence shows that this water system has been operated for over 20 years and originally supplied approximately 50 consumers. As the uses of water increased, many of the consumers gradually changed over to the system of the Inverness Water Works

or made provision for supplying their own individual needs. In the early part of the year 1924 only 20 consumers were supplied, and the gross revenue which would have been received from such service was approximately \$160 per annum.

During the summer season of the present year informal complaint was received by this Commission that a shortage of water existed on the Guibbini system, and arrangements were made whereby the consumers were supplied with water from the plant of the Inverness Water Works. Mrs. Julia Shafter Hamilton, owner of that system, testified at the hearing that it was not her desire to add to the obligations of the Inverness Water Works by taking over these consumers, but that should this application be granted her water supply and facilities were ample to provide for the additional service without any detrimental effect to her present consumers. It was pointed out that no difficulty had been experienced in rendering service during the summer months of the present abnormally dry year.

Applicant stipulated that none of the mains or services of the Guibbini plant would be removed or interfered with while the same were required by Inverness Water Works in rendering service to consumers.

No one appeared to protest the granting of the application or the acquisition by Inverness Water Works of these additional consumers. Under the circumstances the application should be granted.

The following form of order is submitted:

O R D E R

Corista Guibbini having made application to this Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, and the Commission

being now fully informed in the premises,

It Is Hereby Found as a Fact that public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operation by Corista Guibbini of the public utility water system supplying a portion of the inhabitants of Inverness, Marin County.

Basing the order upon the foregoing finding of fact and on the statements of fact contained in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Corista Guibbini be and she is hereby authorized to discontinue the service of water to consumers at Inverness, Marin County, provided that applicant file with this Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this order a certified statement that the Inverness Water Works, owned by Mrs. Julia Shafter Hamilton, has taken over the distribution system of the Guibbini water plant and is now supplying all consumers connected thereto.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon full compliance with the foregoing conditions by Corista Guibbini she be and is hereby relieved from all public utility obligations in connection with the furnishing of water service to consumers located at Inverness, Marin County.

The effective date of this order is hereby fixed as twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of October, 1924.

C. Seaver
H. B. Bunnings
Livingston Martin
Carlton Shore
J. T. Whittier
Commissioners.