

Decision No. 16002.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of Application of
I. A. MOOMAW
for authority to discontinue wa-
ter service and that the property
be relieved of public utility ob-
ligations.

Application No. 11685.

I. A. Moomaw, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

I. A. Moomaw, applicant in the above entitled proceed-
ing, owns and operates a small public utility water system serv-
ing water for irrigation purposes only to certain consumers lo-
cated in the vicinity of Inglewood, in Los Angeles County. He al-
leges in effect that the greater part of the territory which he has
heretofore served with irrigation water is now being subdivided for
residential property, thereby reducing the revenues received to
that extent; that the City of Inglewood is now opening up and grad-
ing streets within his service area which will make it necessary
for applicant to lower and renew pipe lines, the expense of which
is not warranted by the reduced revenues; that the remaining ter-
ritory served by applicant may be subdivided in a short time and
that the revenues which may be received from the sale of water
hereafter will not be sufficient to pay the operating expenses and
a return upon the investment. The Commission is therefore asked
to grant applicant authority to discontinue this service and relieve

him of all further public utility obligations and liabilities in connection therewith.

A public hearing in the matter was held before Examiner Williams at Los Angeles after all interested parties had been notified and given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

The area served by applicant lies partly within the city limits of Inglewood, which city is now engaged in an extensive program of public street improvement within the territory. Applicant serves water only for the irrigation of several small truck gardens. The area heretofore served has been greatly reduced by subdivision into residential property, with the result that there are at present but eight parcels of land remaining which may possibly require water for irrigation purposes. Certain of these consumers living outside of the city limits of Inglewood will be able to receive the necessary water supply from other pumping plants in the general vicinity. The domestic water supply for those within the subdivided area which lies within the boundaries of the City of Inglewood may be obtained from the water system operated by this municipality.

It appears to the Commission that the change in the character of the property comprising the service area of this water system from agricultural to subdivided residential property has so reduced and restricted the revenues and service heretofore rendered by applicant that it is now no longer possible to operate this system except at a considerable financial loss. In view of the fact that no one appeared at the hearing to protest the granting of this request, and as the evidence shows that those few remaining irrigation consumers can obtain an adequate water supply from other sources without serious inconvenience, it appears that this application should be granted.

O R D E R

I. A. Moomaw, operating a public utility water system

serving irrigation water in and in the vicinity of the City of Inglewood, Los Angeles County, having made application to the Railroad Commission for permission to discontinue water service and for an order relieving the applicant's property from its public utility obligations, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted, and the Commission now being fully advised thereon,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that I. A. Moomaw be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue on the first day of April, 1926, the service of water to his consumers in and in the vicinity of the City of Inglewood, Los Angeles County, and thereafter be relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection therewith, upon the following conditions and not otherwise:

1. That within ten (10) days from the date of this order I. A. Moomaw shall notify in writing each of the consumers, if any, now being served by him with water, of his intention to discontinue the operation of the water system herein described on April 1, 1926.
2. That I. A. Moomaw shall file with this Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of this order an affidavit stating therein the fact that each of his consumers, if any, now receiving water from the water plant herein described was duly notified of the intention to discontinue the operation of said water plant on April 1, 1926, provided however that in the event there are no such consumers said I. A. Moomaw shall file a certified statement to that effect.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of February, 1926.

W. A. ...
Chauncy
Frederick