Decision No. 16019.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of W. G. BENTLEY, doing business as W. G. Bentley Utility Water Company, for an order permitting him to discontinue the operation of said W. G. Bentley Utility Water Company.

Application No. 11727.

W. G. Bentley, in propria persona.

WHITSELL, Commissioner:

OBINION

In this proceeding W. G. Bentley, doing business as W. Bentley Utility Water Company, and engaged in the business of distributing water to consumers on portions of Lots 162 and 163 of the property of the Lankershim Ranch Land and Water Company, Los Angeles County, asks permission to discontinue service.

The application alleges that the area served is now within the City of Los Angeles, and that the City is ready, willing and able to furnish water through its municipal system in larger quantities, at a better pressure, and at less cost than applicant.

A public hearing in this matter was held in Los Angeles after all consumers had been duly notified that they might appear and be heard.

According to the evidence the City of Los Angeles has annexed all of the territory served by applicant and has completely piped the area with its municipal water system. This city service is now available to all of applicant's former consumers, who are

practically all now using city water.

No one appeared to protest against the granting of this request to discontinue service, and it therefore appears that the authority asked for should be granted.

ORDER

W. G. Bentley, doing business as W. G. Bentley Utility

Water Company, having made application to the Railroad Commission

for permission to discontinue the service of water to portions of

Lots 162 and 163 of the property of the Lankershim Ranch Land and

Water Company, located in the City of Los Angeles, a public hearing

having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, and the

Commission being now fully advised thereon,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that W. C. Bentley be and he is hereby suthorized to discontinue on March 31, 1926, the service of water to all his consumers located on portions of Lots 162 and 163 of the property of the Lankershim Ranch Land and Water Company, Los Angeles County, as per map recorded in Book 31, pages 39 to 44.

Miscellaneous Records of Los Angeles County, and thereafter be relieved from 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 W. G. Bentley 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 W. G. Bentley Utility Water Company on March 31, 1926.
- 2. That W. G. Bentley shall file with this Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of this order, an affidavit setting forth the fact that each of his consumers, if any, now receiving water from the W. G. Bentley Utility Water Company, was duly notified of the intention to discontinue the operation of said water company on March 31, 1926, provided, however, that in the event there are no consumers, asid W. G. Bentley 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.

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 20th day of February, 1926.

Leon Owhilell

Commission ers.