

Decision No. 16409.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
LAUREL CANYON LAND COMPANY)
for permission to discontinue water)
service, etc.)

Application No. 12767.

J. R. Barker, for applicant.

Leo M. Daly, for C. J. Milliron, protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Laurel Canyon Land Company, a corporation, is engaged among other things in the public utility business of furnishing water for domestic purposes to certain residents of Laurel Canyon and the immediate vicinity in the City of Los Angeles. The application in this proceeding alleges that the City of Los Angeles has annexed the territory in which this company is serving water and has extended its municipal water system throughout the entire district. The Commission is therefore requested to authorize applicant to discontinue its public utility water service.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Williams in Los Angeles, after all interested parties had been duly notified and given an opportunity to be present and be heard.

The evidence shows that this company has obtained a portion of its water supply from the municipal water system of the City of Los Angeles, which has now extended its water mains throughout the entire service area of this company. Approximately

one half of the consumers heretofore served by applicant are at present being served with water from the city system, and all those who are still receiving water from this company can be connected up with the municipal mains within ten days after making application for such service.

The loss of such a great number of consumers has resulted in making it impossible for applicant to continue operations except at such a serious financial sacrifice as to amount practically to confiscation of its property without due compensation. Although one consumer protested against the discontinuance of this utility service upon the ground that arrangements for his particular requirements could not be made upon terms as advantageous as heretofore enjoyed through applicant's system, yet the evidence shows that this consumer can obtain an adequate water supply at any time upon the same conditions as are offered by the municipal system to all other consumers. In view of the fact that the residents of this section of the City of Los Angeles have by vote elected to have the municipal water mains extended throughout the area, and said mains having been installed and now in operation and so located as to supply all of applicant's present consumers, who can no longer be served by this utility except at a financial loss, it appears that the authority to discontinue water service as requested should be granted.

O R D E R

Laurel Canyon Land Company, a corporation, having made application to this Commission for permission to discontinue water service to its consumers in and near Laurel Canyon, in the City of Los Angeles, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted, and the Commission being now fully informed in the matter,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Laurel Canyon Land Company, a corporation, be and the same is hereby authorized to discontinue on the thirtieth day of June, 1926, the service of water to all consumers in the territory heretofore served by it in and in the vicinity of Laurel Canyon, in the City of Los Angeles, 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 Laurel Canyon Land Company shall notify in writing each of the consumers, if any, now being served by it with water, of its intention to discontinue the operation of its water system on June 30, 1926.
2. That Laurel Canyon Land Company shall file with this Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of this order, an affidavit setting forth the fact that each consumer, if any, now receiving water from its system was duly notified of its intention to discontinue the operation of the plant on June 30, 1926, or that all consumers heretofore served are receiving water from another source, as the case may be.

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 14th day of June, 1926.

H. B. Brandiza

C. C. [unclear]

Leon Whitall

Commissioners.