

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 18373

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of	}	Application No. 13518.
GOODRICH BROS. (C. E. GOODRICH and		
H. B. GOODRICH) for permission to		
abandon.		

- C. E. Goodrich for applicants.
- J. G. Mills for City of Hawthorne.
- E. L. Winchel for consumers.

BRUNDIGE, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by C. E. and H. B. Goodrich, operating under the fictitious name and style of Goodrich Bros., for authority to abandon their public utility water system which supplies water for domestic purposes to residents located in Tract No. 6441, near the City of Hawthorne, in Los Angeles County. The application alleges in effect that the system is now and at all times in the past has been operated at a continual loss; that the pipe lines when originally installed were of second-hand pipe, which is now in such a badly depreciated condition as to require constant repair and replacement; that the revenues received are not even sufficient to pay for the water supply, which is obtained by purchase from the City of Hawthorne, and that by reason of this fact said City has notified applicants that it will no longer continue to supply water to them unless

the bills for purchased water are fully paid up without further delay. Applicants therefore ask the Railroad Commission for authority to abandon this system.

A public hearing was held in the above entitled proceeding in Los Angeles after all interested parties had been notified and given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

This system was originally installed by a real estate firm for the sole purpose of having available sufficient water to last until most of the lots were sold to the public, after which the system was transferred to a creditor of the operators, who in turn disposed of the system to the applicants herein. The evidence shows that the pipe lines as originally installed were wholly inadequate in size and of worn-out and second-hand materials. The present water supply is obtained by purchase from the City of Hawthorne, and as the bare costs of operating and repairing the system amounted to \$313 in 1926, with total gross revenues of \$123, the present owners are unable to continue to pay the City for the water required to supply their consumers.

There are now but six consumers served by this system, and as applicants have agreed to turn over to them all pipe lines and equipment without charge, these consumers are in a position to operate the system themselves and therefore will not be left without an available supply of water.

From the foregoing it is apparent that under existing conditions applicants cannot continue the operation of this system except at a constantly increasing loss, and as the present consumers are in a position to obtain an adequate water supply from the City of Hawthorne, the request for authority to discontinue the public utility service and abandon the system should be granted.

The following form of order is recommended:

O R D E R

C. E. and H. B. Goodrich, operating under the fictitious name and style of Goodrich Bros., having made application for permission to abandon the public utility service of water in Tract No. 6441, Los Angeles County, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised in the matter,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that C. E. and H. B. Goodrich be and they are hereby authorized to discontinue on or after the 1st day of May, 1927, the service of water to all their consumers in Tract No. 6441, Los Angeles County, and thereafter be relieved from all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection therewith, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. That C. E. and H. B. Goodrich notify in writing within ten (10) days from the date of this order each of their consumers of their intention to discontinue service on the 1st day of May, 1927.
2. That within ten (10) days after such notice has been given, C. E. and H. B. Goodrich shall file with this Commission a certified statement to the effect that such notice has been duly given.

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 April, 1927.
