

Decision No. 19011**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
 OF R.A. BAKER TO ABANDON SERVICE  
 AS A PUBLIC UTILITY OF THE FURNISH-  
 ING OF WATER TO CONSUMERS IN THE  
 DISTRICT OF TITTLEVILLE, LOS  
 ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

Application No. 13963.

Charles L. Chandler and Howard Robertson  
 by Howard Robertson, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

R.A. Baker, operating a public utility water system supplying water to residents in and in the vicinity of Tittleville, Los Angeles County, asks the Commission for authority to abandon service as a public utility.

The application alleges in effect that all of the territory supplied with water from this system has been annexed to and has become a part of the City of Pasadena with the single exception of the service rendered to the Wiley Auto Camp; that the City of Pasadena has signified its intention to supply the whole of said territory, including the Wiley Auto Camp, with water from its municipal water system; that, by reason of said City of Pasadena supplying said territory with water, there will be no further need for applicant to continue in the water business. The Commission, therefore, is requested to grant applicant authority to discontinue his public utility obligations to furnish water

service.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Williams at Los Angeles after due notice thereof had been given so that all interested parties might appear and be heard.

The testimony shows that the entire territory served by applicant has been annexed recently to the City of Pasadena, which has extended its municipal water system throughout the area. At the present time, approximately two-thirds of applicant's consumers have made application for such service and all remaining consumers can now obtain water without delay from the city upon proper application therefor.

According to the evidence, applicant's operations of the system for 1926 resulted in a loss of \$517. and a loss of \$175. for the first nine months of 1927, exclusive of any return upon the investment.

There was no objection made by any of the consumers to the discontinuance of this service and, as the municipal water mains of the City of Pasadena can now supply a better and more dependable service to any and all of this utility's consumers, it appears that the conditions existing on this system justify the granting of authority to discontinue its further operation.

#### O R D E R

R.A. Baker having made application to the Railroad Commission for permission to discontinue the service of water to consumers in the Tittleyville District, 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 premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that R.A. Baker be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue the service of water on December 15, 1927, to all his consumers located in and in the vicinity of what is commonly known as Tittleyville, 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, R.A. Baker shall notify, in writing, each of the consumers now being served with water of his intention to discontinue the operation of the system on December 15, 1927.
2. That R.A. Baker file with this Commission, within twenty (20) days from the date of this order, an affidavit setting forth the fact that each of the consumers now receiving water from this system was duly notified of the intention to discontinue the operation of the water system on December 15, 1927, and, if there are no consumers, a certified statement to that effect shall be filed.
3. That on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1927, R.A. Baker shall file with this Commission a certified statement setting forth the financial operations of his utility water system from January 1, 1927, to and including the date of final discontinuance of public utility service.

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1927.

Ernest W. Scott  
Clarence  
Leon S. Whipple  
Thos. E. Powell  
M. J. Kane  
 Commissioners.