

LEM

Decision No. 21893 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
WASHINGTON WATER AND LIGHT COMPANY,
a corporation, for permission to sell
its water system to Public Utilities
California Corporation, a corporation,
and of said Public Utilities California
Corporation to acquire and operate said
system and to issue Forty-six Thousand
Nine Hundred (\$46,900.00) Dollars par
value of its capital stock in connec-
tion with the acquisition of said water
system.

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Application No. 15967

Orrick, Palmer and Dahlquist, by Justin Jacobs,
for Public Utilities California Corporation;

E. Hendrickson and R. C. Waring, for Washington
Water and Light Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the Railroad Commission is asked to approve the transfer of the business and properties of Washington Water and Light Company to Public Utilities California Corporation, and the acquisition and operation of such business and properties by said Public Utilities California Corporation, and authorize said Public Utilities California Corporation to issue \$46,900.00 par value of its common capital stock in connection with the acquisition of said business, rights and properties.

It appears that under an agreement dated November 24, 1928, as amended by an agreement dated April 29, 1929 (Exhibit "A") Washington Water and Light Company agreed to sell, subject to the

approval of the Railroad Commission, its public utility water properties, to W. B. Foshay Co. By an agreement dated August 19, 1929 (Exhibit "B") W.B.Foshay Co. agreed to sell the aforesaid properties to Public Utilities California Corporation for and in the consideration of \$46,900.00 of capital stock of said corporation.

The Commission has been advised that a receiver has been appointed for W.B.Foshay Co. and a receiver for Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation of Arizona, which owns all of the outstanding stock of Public Utilities California Corporation. Information at hand shows that Public Utilities California Corporation has heretofore obtained its moneys necessary to pay for the properties it purchased through the sale of stock to W.B.Foshay Co. and/or Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation of Arizona.

It does not appear from the record in this proceeding that either of said companies, or any one else, is willing to purchase stock of Public Utilities California Corporation in such an amount as would enable Public Utilities California Corporation to pay for the properties of Washington Water and Light Company. We do not believe that it is in the interest of those who are dependent for their public utility service on Public Utilities California Corporation to permit at this time, the sale of properties to it. It seems to us that the company's resources, for the time being at least, should be devoted to the operation of the properties it now owns rather than the purchase of additional properties and that this application should be denied.

ORDER


Washington Water and Light Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for permission to sell and transfer its properties to Public Utilities California Corporation, and said Public


Utilities California Corporation, having asked permission to acquire and operate said system and to issue \$46,900.00 par value of its common capital stock in connection with the acquisition of said water system, a public hearing having been held before Examiner Fankhauser and the Commission being of the opinion that the transfer of the properties of Washington Water and Light Company is not in the public interest, and that, therefore, this application should be denied.


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application be, and the same is hereby, denied.

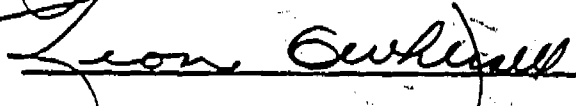
IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall become effective ten days after the date hereof.

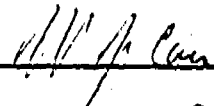
DATED at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of December, 1929.











Commissioners.