

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application  
of RIVERSIDE ARTESIA WATER COMPANY  
to sell its domestic and irrigating  
water system to the City of River-  
side.

Application No. 724.

H. L. Carnahan for Riverside Artesia Water Company.  
W. G. Irving for City of Riverside.

THELEN, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N.

This is an application on the part of the Riverside Artesia Water Company to sell its entire domestic and irrigating water system to the City of Riverside for the sum of \$195,000.00. For a general statement of the conditions leading up to this sale and the betterments and improvements contemplated by the City of Riverside, reference is hereby made to the opinion in Application No. 716, Riverside Water Company, in which case the opinion and order were rendered today.

The Riverside Artesia Water Company has been serving some 837 domestic customers, of whom 4 are located outside of the city limits. It has also served water for irrigating some 400 acres of land within the city limits. The territory served by this company lies easterly of the tracks of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and constitutes the easterly portion of the city. The Company desires to sell its entire property to the City of Riverside and thereupon to disincorporate and go out of business entirely.

The Company owns some 162 inches of water flowing through Gage Canal, which water has been used for irrigation. Its domestic customers have been supplied from two artesian wells located within the city limits.

The engineers appointed by the city appraised the property of this company as being worth, in its depreciated condition, the sum of \$194,145.05. The sum did not include a house at the pumping station, which the city desired to buy with the remaining property. The city finally agreed to pay \$195,000.00, and the water company agreed to sell at that price.. The water company had originally offered to sell for \$250,000.00.

As hereinbefore indicated, a few of the water company's customers live outside of the city limits. In this proceeding, as in Application No. 716, Riverside Water Company, the Commission's consent will be conditioned upon the filing by the city of a certified copy of a stipulation that the city takes the property subject to all legal claims which might have been enforced against the Riverside Artesia Water Company for water, including such claims as may exist in territory outside of the city limits of Riverside.

I find that the public convenience and necessity will be served by the sale by Riverside Artesia Water Company to the City of Riverside of the property to be sold as hereinbefore indicated and recommend that the application of Riverside Artesia Water Company to sell said property be granted.

I submit herewith the following form of order:

O R D E R.

RIVERSIDE ARTESIA WATER COMPANY having filed with this Commission its application for authority to sell to the City of Riverside for the sum of \$195,000.00 its entire irrigating and domestic water system, as more particularly described in the deed and bill of sale hereinafter referred to, and a public hearing having been held on said application, and the Commission finding that public convenience and necessity will be served by such sale of said property,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Riverside Artesia Water Company is hereby authorized to sell to the City of Riverside for the sum of \$195,000.00 on the terms specified in the application in this proceeding.

its entire irrigating and domestic water system as more particularly described in the following deed and bill of sale, to-wit:

1. Deed from Riverside Artesia Water Company to City of Riverside, dated July 1, 1913, and recorded on July 3, 1913, in Book 379 of Deeds at page 4, Records of Riverside County, California, conveying all the grantor's real property.

2. Bill of sale from Riverside Artesia Water Company to City of Riverside, dated July 1, 1913, on file among the official records of the City Clerk of Riverside, conveying all the personal property intended to be conveyed, including tools, supplies on hand and equipment.

The authorization hereby given shall be operative only when the City of Riverside shall have filed with the Commission a certified copy of a stipulation to the effect that the city takes the property conveyed by the foregoing deed and bill of sale subject to all legal claims for water which might have been enforced against the Riverside Artesia Water Company, including such claims as may exist in territory outside of the city limits of Riverside.

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 5th day of October, 1913.

John M. Eschleman  
W. A. Loveland  
W. Gordon  
Marie Johnson

Commissioners.