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In the Matter of the Application of )  
G. H. BLOWERS for Permission to Sell )  
The Reedley Water Works to the City )  
of Reedley, Fresno County, California.)

Application No. 909.

G. H. Blowers for Reedley Water Works.  
Chris P. Jonsen, City Engineer, for  
City of Reedley.

GORDON, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N.

This is a joint application of G. H. Blowers, owner of the Reedley Water Works, and the City of Reedley, in Fresno County, California, for an order of this Commission authorizing the said G. H. Blowers to sell to the City of Reedley for the sum of \$16,817.65 the entire water system of the said G. H. Blowers used in supplying the inhabitants of the City of Reedley. A form of deed transferring this property is attached to the application in this proceeding and marked "Exhibit B." In this deed the property to be transferred is described as follows:

"FIRST: Lots numbers twenty-nine (29), thirty (30), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32) in Block number fifty-two (52), according to, and as the same are shown, designated and delineated on that certain map or plat of said town of Reedley, on file and of record in the office of the county recorder of the County of Fresno, State of California, together with the improvements and fixtures thereon.

"SECOND: The water system now belonging to said party of the first part, (G.H. Blowers) consisting of tanks and towers, pumps, motors and other machinery, constituting the water works or system for the distribution of water, including all water mains, pipe lines, conduits, service pipes, meters, hydrants, valves and fittings connected therewith, now located in and under all streets, roads, avenues, alleys, squares and rights of way, in said City of Reedley, for the distribution of water from said water works."

"THIRD: All water, water rights and water privileges and appropriations now owned or held by the party of the first part in the City of Reedley, County and State aforesaid.

"FOURTH: All rights, easements, privileges and franchises including the right to lay, construct, maintain, repair, restore and renew water pipes, pipe lines, conduits, mains, service pipes, meters, hydrants, valves and fittings, now owned or held by the party of the first part in, to, upon, along, under, through or across the streets, roads, avenues, alleys, squares and rights of way hereinbefore described."

Chris P. Jensen, the City Engineer of the City of Reedley, made an appraisal as of June 17, 1913, of the water system to be transferred. He found the value to be \$16,817.85.

At the hearing upon this application at Reedley on January 13, 1914, this Commission was requested to have its Engineering Department make a valuation of this system. The Commission's Engineering Department has now completed an appraisal of this system and finds the value to be \$16,763.00.

The difference between the valuation found by the Commission's Engineers and the valuation found by Mr. Jensen is so slight that I do not believe it is worth comment, or that it is necessary to discuss in detail the items which go to make up the valuation of this system.

I desire, however, to call attention to the fact that in the proposed deed transferring this property provision is made that certain water rights, water privileges and appropriations shall be transferred. This Commission, in making its valuation of this system has attached no value, whatever, to any water rights or any water privileges, and must not be understood as having recognized in this proceeding that any value should be attached to such rights or privileges.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Reedley were present at the hearing and expressed their desire that the application be granted.

I submit herewith the following form of order:

ORDER.

G. E. BLOWERS and THE CITY OF REEDLEY, Fresno County, California, having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing said G. E. Blowers to sell to the City of Reedley a certain water system, the property to be transferred having been set forth in detail in the opinion preceding this order, and a public hearing having been held upon this application, and the Commission being of the opinion that the same should be granted,--

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that G. E. Blowers be, and he hereby is authorized to sell to the City of Reedley, Fresno County, California, for a sum not to exceed \$16,900.00, the water system now owned by him and used to supply the inhabitants of the City of Reedley, which property is described in greater detail in the opinion preceding this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that prior to the exercise of the authority herein granted, the City of Reedley shall file with this Commission a stipulation to the effect that after the property herein authorized to be transferred has been conveyed to the City, the City of Reedley shall give adequate service to all the consumers of said water system.

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 27th day of January, 1914.

John W. Eschelman  
W. D. Loveland  
Chas. G. ...  
Wm. ...

Commissioners.