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Decision No. 7351

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application	)
of THE FLORA WATER COMPANY, Inc.	)
to sell and ELROY M. JOHNSON to	) Application No. 5399.
purchase the water system of the	)
Flora Water Company located at	)
Redondo Beach, California.	)

O. C. White for The Flora Water Company.  
Elroy M. Johnson in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N.

The Flora Water Company and Elroy M. Johnson join in an application to transfer to the latter a small water plant located between Gardena and Redondo Beach in Los Angeles County.

A public hearing was held upon the application by Examiner Westover in Los Angeles.

Water is pumped from wells and distributed for domestic and irrigation purposes to about 20 consumers within a radius of approximately one mile. The company is a public utility organized by residents upon a subdivision of land to procure water primarily for themselves. Non-stockholders are also served.

The plant has been operated in the past by the voluntary services of various persons interested. Mr. Johnson proposes to install meters and electric motor automatically controlled. He believes that the losses in operation in the past have been due largely to the fact that water was not measured, although sold at a measured rate. The consideration for the transfer is the assumption by him of an indebtedness of \$400 due on the plant, evidenced by note to B. F. Martin, due in about one year and secured by mortgage on the plant.

Mr. Johnson proposes to establish a rate of 2¢ per miner's inch hour with a minimum of \$1.25 per month. The present rate is the same except that the minimum is \$1.50 per month.

It appears from the testimony that Mr. Johnson is financially able and willing to render improved service at a slightly lower rate and relieve consumers of the burden of operating the plant. The application should be granted.

O R D E R.

The Flore Water Company, Inc. having applied to the Commission for authority to transfer to Leroy M. Johnson the property hereinafter described, a public hearing having been held upon said application and it appearing to the Commission that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Flore Water Company be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer to Leroy M. Johnson its water plant and system, including the east 108 feet of lot 1, LaFresa Tract, in Los Angeles County, together with the pumping plant and water

system thereon and used in connection therewith.

The authority herein granted is upon the following conditions, to-wit:

1. The authority herein contained shall extend only to such instruments of transfer as shall be executed or delivered within 90 days from date hereof.

2. Such transfer or conveyance hereafter to be made shall contain a clause reciting that said Elroy M. Johnson as grantee assumes and agrees to pay the note for \$400 in favor of B. F. Martin, secured by mortgage upon the real estate hereinabove described.

3. Within 10 days after said instrument of conveyance is delivered said Johnson shall file with the Commission a certified copy thereof.

4. At or before the time said instrument of conveyance is delivered to said Johnson, he shall file with the Railroad Commission a schedule of water rates to be thereafter charged by him, which rates shall be not more than 2¢ per miner's inch per hour with a minimum charge of \$1.25 per month.

5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed by the Commission or any court or public tribunal as a finding of the value of any of the property herein authorized to be transferred for any purpose other than the purposes of this proceeding.

3<sup>d</sup> Dated at San Francisco, California, this  
day of April, 1920.

*Edwin G. Edgerton*  
*W. J. [unclear]*  
*Stuart [unclear]*  
*H. B. [unclear]*

Commissioners.