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Decision No. 7604

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of )  
MOUNTAIN SPRINGS WATER COMPANY, )  
a corporation, for an order authoriz- : Application No. 5147  
ing it to discontinue its service )  
as a public utility. )

Edw. Hohfeld for applicant  
A. H. Fletcher in propria persona  
J. B. Wright in propria persona  
Otis Mick in propria persona  
John Brooks in propria persona

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

In Decision No. 6906 in the above entitled proceeding, the applicant, Mountain Springs Water Company, was authorized to discontinue service as a public utility water company on the following conditions:

(1) Applicant shall file with this Commission a statement releasing it from the service of water, said statement to be signed by all consumers affected by such discontinuance.

(2) Applicant shall not discontinue the service of water to consumers until such time as service is supplied from another source.

Applicant filed with this Commission the statement required by condition (1), signed by all but four consumers. It is shown that each of these consumers is attached to the system of

another utility water company, which utility in turn avers that it is ready and able to serve each of them, naming them specifically. Correspondence with the four objectors indicated that they persisted in their position and that others desired to withdraw their consent to the discontinuance of service by applicant. It was, therefore, decided that a public hearing should be held that the matter might be fully presented.

A public hearing was held at Maricopa before Examiner Satterwhite on April 20, 1920. At that time all protestants were given an opportunity to explain their grounds of objection. None of the reasons presented appear of sufficient importance to require this utility to continue operations. Showing was made that all consumers can and will be reasonably served by another utility, and justice would be served by granting applicants' plea.

### O R D E R

The Mountain Springs Water Company having made application for permission to discontinue service of water to its consumers in and in the vicinity of Maricopa, Kern County, a public hearing having been held and the Commission being fully informed in the matter,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the discontinuance of service by Mountain Springs Water Company will not inflict a hardship upon its consumers and no valid reason appearing for denying the application, therefore,

Basing its order upon the above finding of fact and upon the further findings of fact in the opinion preceding this order

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Mountain Springs Water Company be, and it hereby is authorized to discontinue service to its consumers in and in the vicinity of Maricopa, Kern County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said Mountain Springs Water Company file with this Commission within ten days from the date of final discontinuance of service a statement of such discontinuance.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>d</sup> day of May, 1920.

H. J. Stewart  
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Commissioners.