

Decision No. 7780

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of)
R. F. Kerr for permission to abandon)
public water utility in Narragansett) Application No. 4439.
Heights and Beacon Hills, San Diego)
County, California.)

Warren E. Libby, for applicant.
Charles B. DeLong, for certain protestants.
W. J. Massholder, for certain protestants.
W.C. Earle, for City of San Diego.

MARTIN, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

Applicant in the above entitled proceeding alleges in effect that he is the owner of a public utility water system supply-
ing three consumers in Narragansett Heights and Beacon Hills, two
subdivisions adjoining the City of San Diego; that the cost of
operation of the system is approximately \$30.00 per month and the
revenues do not exceed \$4.00 per month; and that applicant is un-
able to secure sufficient funds to continue the operation of the
system.

Applicant therefore asks permission to abandon the water
system.

A public hearing was held, at which all interested parties
were given an opportunity to be heard, and the matter is now ready
for decision.

Testimony shows that the water supply is secured through
a connection with the mains of the City of San Diego and conveyed
through a riveted steel transmission line, more than a mile in length,

to the tracts served. It was also shown that the transmission line had so deteriorated that constant repairs are necessary; that the cost of such repairs was greatly in excess of the revenues derived from the sale of water; and that, in order to furnish adequate service to consumers, a new transmission line would have to be installed.

Applicant's financial condition is such that, shortly after the filing of the application herein, he was forced to discontinue operation of the utility and offered to turn the system over to the consumers who were, however, unwilling to assume the expense of operation.

Subsequently all consumers have moved away and the utility has, in fact, been abandoned for months.

Efforts have been made by the Commission's hydraulic engineer to induce the City of San Diego to lay a transmission line to the city limits, immediately adjacent to these tracts, but without success and an attempt to form a mutual company to finance the necessary construction has failed.

Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that permission to abandon the public utility should be granted.

O R D E R

R. F. Kerr having made application in the above entitled proceeding, a public hearing having been held thereon, and being fully advised in the matter,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that R. F. Kerr be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of the public utility water system supplying Narragansett Heights and Beacon Hills, San Diego County.

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 24th
day of June, 1920.

W. L. Lawrence

Stewart R. Perkins

Irving Martson

Commissioners.