

In the Matter of the Application of EL MOLINO TERRACE LAND AND WATER COMPANY for authorization to sell certain real property and water distributing system to the CITY OF PASADENA and of the CITY OF PASADENA to purchase said property.

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Application No. 622.

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TEEBLEN, Commissioner.

OPINION.

This is an application of El Molino Terrace Land and Water Company to sell to the City of Pasadena a certain water distributing system and real estate connected therewith and of the City of Pasadena to purchase said property for the sum of \$5600.00.

The El Molino Terrace Land and Water Company was incorporated in October, 1906, and has been serving water as a public utility to a small portion of the City of Pasadena. It has served no one outside of the incorporated limits of the city. It now proposes to sell to the city its water distributing system and certain real property connected therewith in the City of Pasadena, consisting of 186 meters, 22,722 lineal feet of pipe of different diameters, its reservoir having a capacity of 500,000 gallons and two lots of land, all as described in deed from El Molino Terrace Land and Water Company to City of Pasadena, executed June 4, 1913, a copy whereof is attached as Exhibit "B" to the petition in this proceeding. The reasons specified on the part of El Molino Terrace Land and Water Company for making said sale are that the territory served by its distributing system lies entirely within the corporate limits of the City of Pasadena; that the Company has not sufficient water or distributing equipment to satisfy the growing demands for water in the territory which it has undertaken to serve; and that the City of Pasadena has sufficient

water and equipment for such purpose and that the proposed sale to the city will result in equalized pressure and adequate service within said territory.

On June 27, 1912, the electors of the City of Pasadena authorized the city by a vote of approximately ten to one to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$1,250,000 for the acquisition of a water works and system to supply the city and its inhabitants with water. Acting in pursuance of its general plan to acquire the systems of all existing companies within the city limits, the City of Pasadena, acting under authorization of this Commission, has heretofore acquired the water distributing systems and property connected therewith of the three largest companies serving the city, namely, the Pasadena Lake Vineyard Land and Water Company (see this Commission's order dated October 14, 1912 in Application No. 222), North Pasadena Land and Water Company (see this Commission's order dated October 14, 1912, in Application No. 225), and Pasadena Land and Water Company (see this Commission's order dated October 14, 1912 in Application No. 238). The City of Pasadena now desires to purchase for the sum of \$5,800.00 that portion of the property of the El Molino Terrace Land and Water Company consisting of meters, pipe line, reservoir and real estate, particularly described in said Exhibit "B". The reasons for said purchase specified on the part of the City of Pasadena are that the city has recently acquired the water distributing systems serving the major portion of the inhabitants of the City and is desirous of acquiring and operating as a unit all the water distributing systems serving water within its limits; that the inhabitants of the city residing within the territory served by the El Molino Terrace Land and Water Company have, during the last six months, frequently complained to the officers of the city because of the inadequate service and the unequal and varying pressure of water served by said Company; and that in order to fulfill its duty to its inhabitants and satisfy their just demands for an adequate water supply, it is necessary that the city acquire the real property and distributing system described in the deed hereinbefore referred to.

The sum to be paid for the property, namely, \$5600.00, is satisfactory to the city. An examination by this Commission's engineering department of the inventory showing the values allowed, shows that such values are reasonable.

I find that public convenience and necessity will be served by the purchase of the property specified by the City of Pasadena and recommend that the application be granted. I submit herewith the following form of order:

O R D E R.

EL MOLINO TERRACE LAND AND WATER COMPANY having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing the sale to the City of Pasadena of certain real property and water distributing system referred to in the opinion which precedes this order and specifically described in deed from El Molino Terrace Land and Water Company to City of Pasadena, dated June 4, 1913, a copy whereof is attached to the petition in this proceeding and marked "Exhibit B," and the City of Pasadena having applied for an order authorizing the purchase of said property, and a public hearing having been held upon said application and the Commission finding that public convenience and necessity will be served by the granting of said application,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said application be and the same is hereby granted.

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 19th day of July, 1913.

John W. Ashburn
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Commissioners.