

Decision No. 7793.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of BOND AND JONES WATER COMPANY, )  
a co-partnership, for an order )  
permitting said co-partnership to )  
discontinue the furnishing of wa- )  
ter to the citizens of the City )  
of Orange. )

Application No. 7216.

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L. F. Coburn, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

This is an application of Bond and Jones Water Company, a co-partnership, engaged in the business of distributing and selling water for domestic purposes in and in the vicinity of the City of Orange. In this proceeding applicant asks permission to discontinue service to some fifteen consumers within the city limits, it being alleged in effect that in order to continue adequate service the replacement of approximately one mile of pipe will be required; and that all of such consumers can be supplied from the municipal water system of the City of Orange, which has pipes in all the streets in which applicant now furnishes water.

A public hearing in this matter was held at Orange, before Examiner Williams, of which all of applicant's consumers were notified and given an opportunity to appear and to be heard.

Testimony shows that this utility commenced water service in 1906, having at that time between thirty-five and forty consumers. Subsequently the City of Orange built its municipal water system, paralleling the distribution mains of this utility, and the majority of consumers have gradually changed over to the city's system, leaving only thirteen consumers connected to applicant's pipe lines, all of whom can be served from the municipal plant.

It was shown that in order to continue service it would be necessary to replace approximately one mile of distribution main, and that the revenue which could be derived from the remaining consumers would not justify the necessary expenditure. Only one consumer appeared to protest the discontinuance of the service, his objection being against the quality of water served by the municipal plant, which objection, according to the testimony of city officials, was not now well founded.

After a careful consideration of the evidence, the conclusion is reached that there is an adequate alternative water supply available for the use of all consumers, and that it would be unjust to require the replacement of the necessary distribution mains and the continuation of the supply in competition with the municipal system, whose mains are already in place in the streets.

#### O R D E R

Bond and Jones Water Company, a co-partnership furnishing water to consumers in and in the vicinity of the City of Orange, having made application to this Commission for authority to discontinue the service of water to consumers within the limits of the City of Orange, a public hearing having been held thereon,

and the matter having been submitted,

It is Hereby Found as a Fact that public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operation of Bond and Jones Water Company's system within the limits of the City of Orange.

And basing the order upon the foregoing finding of fact and upon the statements of fact contained in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Bond and Jones Water Company, a co-partnership, be and the same is hereby authorized to discontinue the service of water to consumers within the limits of the City of Orange, on February 28, 1922.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that within ten (10) days of the date of this order Bond and Jones Water Company be and the same is hereby directed to notify each consumer in writing of its intention to discontinue service on February 28, 1922.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Bond and Jones Water Company be and the same is hereby directed to furnish this Commission, within fifteen (15) days of the date of this order, an affidavit setting forth the fact that each consumer affected by this order was duly notified of such intention to discontinue service.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1922.

H. P. Bond  
H. D. Lovland

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Commissioners.