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Decision No. 27167

BEFORE THE RAILROAD CONDUSSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of A. MANFORD BROWN, for approval of transfer of properties of Kettleman City Water System from J.C. Lewis to A. Manford Brown.

Application No. 19461.

Clark Clement, Attorney for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## ORDER

A. Manford Brown, the applicant herein, asks approval of an agreement cancelling a contract of sale entered into by and between said A. Manford Brown and J.C. Lewis involving the transfer of the Kettleman City Water System, a public utility serving the residents of Kettleman City, Kings County, California. Permission is also requested to allow said J.C. Lewis to transfer all his right and interests in and to said water system to applicant A. Manford Brown who desires to continue the utility service under the rates, rules and regulations authorized by this Commission in Decision No. 24421.

The application herein recites that J.C. Lewis, to whom a certificate of public convenience and necessity was issued on the 25th day of January, 1932, by this Commission's Decision No. 24421, is unable to comply with the conditions set forth in a contract of sale. Therefore, said J.C. Lewis is voluntarily agreeing to the cancellation of said contract and to the reconvey-

ance of the properties to A. Manford Brown.

The Commission has considered the requests of the applicant and is of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a hearing is necessary and that the said J.C. Lewis should be authorized to enter into the transactions proposed by applicant; therefore,

IT IS HEREEY ORDERED that J.C. Lewis be and he is hereby authorized to convey to A. Manford Brown, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, all his right, title and interest in and to said Kettleman City Water System serving the Town of Kettleman City, Kings County, California.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Cancellation Agreement made by and between J.C. Lewis and A. Manford Brown, attached to the application herein and designated as Exhibit "B" and hereby made a part of this Order by reference, be and it is hereby approved.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER CRDERED that within ninety (90) days from and after the date of this Order J.C. Lewis and/or A. Manford Brown file with this Commission a statement indicating the date upon which said A. Manford Brown took control and possession of the public utility water properties known as the Kettleman City Water System.

For all other purposes, the effective date of this Order shall be fifteen (15) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>20</u> day of <u>func</u>, 1934.

Oppositioners.