

Decision No. 31513

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER & TELEPHONE COMPANY, FORD L. HOWLAND and MAYME J. HOWLAND, his wife, and W. LAVERN HOWLAND and LORRAINE HOWLAND, his wife, for an Order authorizing the latter to sell to the former that certain water business known as "Mariposa Wells Water System", "Valley Water System", and "Valley Center Water Company."

ORIGINAL

Application
No. 22149

Peter A. Nenzel, for California Water & Telephone Company.

Ford L. Howland, for Ford L. Howland and Mayme J. Howland, his wife, and W. Lavern Howland and Lorraine Howland, his wife.

Eldred E. Wolford, for Martin-Goold Land & Water Co.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application the California Water & Telephone Company, a corporation, engaged among other things in the business of supplying water for domestic and irrigation purposes in the County of Los Angeles and elsewhere in the State of California, asks for authority to purchase certain water systems known as Mariposa Wells Water System, Valley Water System, and Valley Center Water Company, located in Los Angeles County, now owned and operated by Ford L. Howland and Mayme J. Howland, his wife, and W. Lavern Howland and Lorraine Howland, his wife, who join in the application.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner MacKall at Los Angeles.

The testimony shows that the California Water & Telephone Company, a corporation, now operating certain public utility water systems in the general vicinity at Rosemead and San Marino has entered into an agreement with Ford L. Howland, et al, to acquire their water properties and consolidate these systems with their own under a single unit form of management. Eventually the Howland plants will be connected by pipe line to the Rosemead system, thereby providing and insuring better and more dependable water pressure and service. The same rates as now charged in the various systems will remain in effect, as well as the existing rules and regulations applying to each. All deposits, if any, made by consumers to guarantee payment of water bills on extension of water mains will be turned over by the sellers to California Water & Telephone Company for disbursement when due and owing.

During the hearing in this proceeding there arose a question over the proper boundaries of the service areas of certain other public utilities serving water in adjacent, and in some cases adjoining and overlapping territories, especially as far as it involved Martin-Goold Land & Water Co. This phase of the utility operations herein was confined solely to Application No. 22267, filed by California Water & Telephone Company, to cover specifically the question of service area boundaries and limitations, which application was heard jointly as to the taking of evidence with the instant proceeding. The proper service areas of the various utilities appearing herein were settled through mutual agreement and will be established by formal order in that matter.

The evidence shows that no further objections were presented and that it is in the interest of the public that the transfer be granted as prayed.

O R D E R

Application having been filed with the Railroad Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted, and the Commission being now fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Ford L. Howland and Mayme J. Howland, his wife, and W. Lavern Howland and Lorraine Howland, his wife, be and they are hereby authorized to transfer to California Water & Telephone Company, a corporation, their rights, titles, and interests in and to those water distribution systems known as Mariposa Wells Water System, Valley Water System, and Valley Center Water Company, in Los Angeles County, under substantially the same terms and conditions as set forth under the agreement of sale attached to the application and marked Exhibit "A," which is hereby made a part of this order by reference, and thereupon said Ford L. Howland, et al, be and they are hereby relieved of all further public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said water systems, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The authority herein granted shall apply only to such transfer as shall have been made on or before the first day of January, 1939, and a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance shall be filed with this Commission by California Water & Telephone Company.

2. Within ten (10) days from the date on which Ford L. Howland, et al, actually relinquish control and possession of the property herein authorized to be transferred, they shall cause to be filed with this Commission a certified statement indicating the date upon which such control and possession were relinquished and, within twenty (20) days thereof, file with the Commission an annual report as of that date.

3. The consideration for the transfer herein authorized shall not be urged before this Commission or any other public body as a finding of value for rate fixing or any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.

4. Within thirty (30) days from and after the date of this Order, California Water & Telephone Com-

pany, a corporation, shall file with the Commission separate schedules containing the rates now being charged on each of the three systems in the territory now served by said Ford L. Howland, et al, in Los Angeles County, and to be acquired by California Water & Telephone Company, which schedules shall set forth the respective rates appearing in Appendix "A" attached to and made a part of this order.

For all other purposes the effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 5th
day of December, 1938.

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COMMISSIONERS.

APPENDIX "A"

(A) MARIPOSA WELLS WATER SYSTEM

Domestic Use

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8" Meter.....	\$1.00
For 3/4" Meter.....	1.20
For 1" Meter.....	1.40
For 1 1/2" Meter.....	1.75
For 2" Meter.....	2.00
For 3" Meter.....	4.00

Monthly Quantity Charges:

First 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet.....	\$0.15
Next 1500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet.....	0.10
All over 2500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet.....	0.06

Irrigation Use

Quantity charges where connection is for irrigation only:

Per 100 cubic feet.....	\$0.06
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(B) VALLEY WATER SYSTEM

Domestic Use

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4 inch meters.....	\$1.00
For 3/4 inch meters.....	1.25
For 1 inch meters.....	1.50
For 1 1/2 inch meters.....	2.00
For 2 inch meters.....	3.00
For 3 inch meters.....	4.00

Each of the foregoing "Monthly Minimum Charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that minimum monthly charge will purchase at the following "Monthly Quantity Rates":

Monthly Quantity Rates:

First 750 cubic feet, or less.....	\$1.00
Next 2,750 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet.....	.10
All over 3,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet.....	.06

Irrigation Use Only

Per miner's inch per hour delivered -- 3 cents.
A miner's inch shall be considered the equivalent of one-fiftieth (1/50th) of a cubic foot of water per second.

Under Pressure taken from Domestic
Pipe Line, to be Used in Rotation:

Monthly Minimum Charge:

2-inch outlet.....\$1.00

Monthly Quantity Charge:

Per 100 cubic feet.....\$0.05

(C) VALLEY CENTER WATER COMPANY

Monthly Flat Rates

For house of 5 rooms, or less.....\$1.50
For each additional room..... .10
For sprinkling lawns, gardens or shrubbery,
per 100 square feet..... .05

Meter Rates

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8 inch meter.....\$1.50
For 3/4 inch meter..... 2.00
For 1 inch meter..... 3.00
For 1 1/2 inch meter..... 6.00
For 2 inch meter..... 9.00

Any consumer is entitled to metered service upon application therefor and the utility may meter any and all service connections.

Each of the foregoing "Monthly Minimum Charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the following "Monthly Quantity Rates":

Monthly Quantity Rates:

First 700 cubic feet, or less.....\$1.50
All over 700 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet..... 0.10