

Decision No. 33239

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application

of

E. P. HECK, doing business under the name and style of Heck Bros., to sell, and of WESTERN WATER COMPANY, a corporation, to buy the water system of said E. P. Heck in the Townsite of Fellows, California.

Application No. 23514

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

E. P. Heck, owns a public utility water system operated under the fictitious firm name and style of Heck Bros. and serves water for domestic purposes in and in the vicinity of the Town of Fellows in Kern County. In this proceeding said E. P. Heck asks for authority to transfer the water works to the Western Water Company, a corporation, which joins in the application. Western Water Company supplies water for domestic, commercial and industrial uses in the City of Taft and in adjoining Ford City and in addition thereto operates throughout a very large territory of productive oil fields. This Company desires to place in effect in the Town of Fellows the domestic schedule of rates effective for all such use where water is delivered from its industrial, transmission and distribution mains in the oil field districts outside of the City of Taft and Ford City. This schedule of rates will

result in a very substantial reduction in consumers' water bills, amounting, in the case of average large users, to almost 40%, and in all instances will increase the minimum allowance of water from 300 to 500 cubic feet per month without increasing the monthly minimum charge.

It appearing that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that it is to the best interests of the public that the application be granted, now therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that E. P. Heck be and he is hereby authorized to sell and transfer to Western Water Company, a corporation, which is hereby authorized to purchase and acquire, the distribution facilities used in supplying water for domestic and other purposes to the residents of the Townsite of Fellows and vicinity thereof, in Kern County, said property being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached to the application herein and which is hereby made a part of this Order by reference, said sale to be made substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Exhibit "A" subject to the following further terms and conditions:

1. The authority herein granted shall apply only to such transfer as shall have been made on or before the thirty-first day of August, 1940, and a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance shall be filed with this Commission by E. P. Heck within thirty (30) days from the date upon which said instrument is executed.
2. Within ten (10) days after the date on which E. P. Heck actually relinquishes control and possession of the property herein authorized to be transferred, he shall file with this Commission a certified statement indicating the date upon which such control and possession were relinquished.
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 for any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.

4. On or before the first day of August, 1940, E. P. Heck shall refund to such consumers as may be entitled thereto all amounts, if any, deposited for main extensions, meter or service connections, and/or any other purposes, and not later than said date he shall file with this Commission a certified statement to the effect that all such refunds, if any, have been duly made.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Western Water Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized and directed to file, in quadruplicate, with the Railroad Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order the following schedule of rates now in effect on its industrial distribution system outside of its Taft and Ford City Districts, said schedule to be charged for all water service rendered to its consumers in and in the vicinity of the Townsite of Fellows in Kern County:

RATES FOR DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WATER SERVICE
IN AND IN THE VICINITY OF TOWNSITE OF FELLOWS, KERN COUNTY

Monthly Minimum Charges:

Domestic consumers	\$ 2.50
Industrial consumers	10.00

Monthly Quantity Rates:

First 30,000 barrels, per barrel	\$.0275
Next 70,000 barrels, per barrel02
Over 100,000 barrels, per barrel015

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that said Western Water Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized and directed to place in effect throughout the entire area heretofore served by said E. P. Heck, its presently effective rules and regulations as now on file with this Commission, and it shall file with the Commission, in quadruplicate within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, a suitable map or sketch, drawn to scale, upon a

sheet approximately 8-1/2 by 11 inches in size, delineating thereupon in distinctive markings the boundaries of the service area of the water system heretofore owned and operated by said E. P. Heck, and the location thereof with reference to the surrounding territory, provided further, however, that such map or sketch shall not thereby be considered by this Commission or any other public body as a final or conclusive determination or establishment of the dedicated area of service, or any portion thereof.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of June, 1940.

Ray & Riley
Stanley Dever
Ralph W. ...
W. H. ...

Commissioners.