

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 36205

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
 HELEN H. MEEKER, operating a water
 company, a public utility, under the
 fictitious firm name and style of
 SUNKIST WATER COMPANY, for the
 authorization to sell the whole of said
 water company to RUSKIN T. GARDNER,
 and
 the Application of RUSKIN T. GARDNER,
 an individual, to purchase said
 SUNKIST WATER COMPANY.

Application No. 25480

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this proceeding, Helen H. Meeker, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Sunkist Water Company, asks this Commission for authority to sell and transfer to Ruskin T. Gardner, who joins in this application, her entire water distribution system and appurtenances thereto, serving a certain limited area of land lying within the corporate limits of West Covina, in Los Angeles County.

The application states that Ruskin T. Gardner will continue the operation of Sunkist Water Company under the same company name and the same rates, rules and regulations established by this Commission's Decision No. 35082, dated March 3, 1942. The application further states that Sunkist Water Company has no debts or liabilities. Ruskin T. Gardner is an engineer, experienced in the operation of water systems.

The Commission being of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the request of applicants should be granted, now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Helen H. Meeker, operating a public utility water system under the fictitious firm name and style of Sunkist Water Company, is hereby authorized to transfer to Ruskin T. Gardner all her rights, title and interest in and to such system and the properties described in Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to the application herein and which are made a part hereof by reference.

2. Upon compliance with the following conditions, Helen H. Meeker shall be relieved of all utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said system:

- (a) Transfer shall be made on or before April 30, 1943, and a certified copy of the final instrument or instruments of conveyance shall be filed in this proceeding on or before said date.
- (b) A statement shall be filed by Helen H. Meeker with this Commission within ten (10) days after such transfer, indicating the date on which control and possession were relinquished.
- (c) All deposits which customers are entitled to have refunded on or before the date of actual transfer shall be refunded by Helen H. Meeker, and a sworn statement showing the disposition of any such deposits shall be filed prior to April 30, 1943, by said Helen H. Meeker with this Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the consideration given for the transfer of this property shall not be urged before this Commission or any other public body as a finding of value for rate fixing purposes or for any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.

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

Dated at San Francisco California, this 9th day of March, 1943.

Francis D. Habener
H. H. Hill
Arthur J. Casper
Richard K. Kase
Wm. W. Brown
 COMMISSIONERS.

Certified as a true copy

Secretary, Railroad Commission
of the State of California.