

Decision No. 36529

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of WARD PEMEROOK for permission
to discontinue water service.

ORIGINAL
Application No. 25721

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Ward Pembroke, operating a public utility water system under the fictitious firm name of Pembroke's Water Works, engaged in rendering domestic water service to consumers in the general area described as Tracts 3053 and 1410 lying east of Willowbrook Avenue and both north and south of Imperial Highway in Los Angeles County, asks for permission to abandon and discontinue all further water service.

The application states, in effect, that applicant's pumping plant is so decrepit that it is no longer capable of furnishing a supply of water for the system; that the distribution mains have developed numerous leaks; that applicant does not have sufficient money or means with which to repair the pumping plant and mains, and that due to the greatly depreciated condition of the entire system, he is unable to borrow sufficient funds with which to finance the necessary repairs. Applicant further states that he interviewed Mr. O. B. Frank, Manager of the Conservative Water Company, who informed him that he is ready, able and willing to extend the facilities of Conservative Water Company to serve the customers of the applicant's water system.

O R D E R

Application as entitled above having been filed with the Railroad Commission, the Commission having considered applicant's request, and it being of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a hearing is necessary, and that this application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Ward Pembroke, sole owner of the public utility water system operated under the fictitious firm name and style of Pembroke's Water Works, be and he is hereby authorized to abandon and discontinue water service heretofore rendered to his consumers in that territory hereinbefore described, on and after the 31st day of August, 1943, and thereon and thereafter shall stand relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities heretofore incurred in connection with such service, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Within twenty (20) days from and after the date of this Order, said Ward Pembroke shall notify in writing each and every consumer affected by this Order of his intention to abandon and discontinue the service of water to them and all public utility water service on and after the 31st day of August, 1943.
2. On or before the first day of September, 1943, said Ward Pembroke shall refund to all consumers all deposits or credits due them, if any, arising from advances made to guarantee payments of water bills, for main extensions, meters, service connections, and for any other purposes whatsoever emanating from these phases of his operations under the jurisdiction and control of this Commission.
3. Within thirty days from and after the date of this Order, said Ward Pembroke shall file with this Commission a signed statement indicating that such deposits, if any, have been refunded as ordered and directed above, and that the provisions in paragraph (1) of this Order have been complied with.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that the authority granted herein shall become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day
of August, 1943.

Francis T. Havenner

Justin J. Casper

Richard H. Halsey

Ernest W. Owen

Commissioners.