

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 36713

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of
NORMAN C. GRISSOM and DORIS LEE GRISSOM,
his wife, operating under the fictitious
name of GRISSOM WATER SYSTEM to abandon
and discontinue service.

Application No. 25766

Mrs. Doris Lee Grissom, for Applicants.

M. E. Moseley, for San Gabriel Valley Water Service,
as its interests may appear.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Norman C. Grissom and Doris Lee Grissom, husband and wife, operating a public utility water system under the fictitious firm name of Grissom Water System, ask this Commission for authority to completely abandon and discontinue water service, and for cancellation of the certificate of public convenience and necessity under which they have operated.

Public hearing in this matter was held in Los Angeles before Examiner E. L. Clark.

The record shows that in 1931, O. R. Grissom acquired the water system installed by El Monte Realty Company in connection with a real estate subdivision, which system, briefly, consisted of a 95-foot well with pumping equipment discharging into a pressure tank and some 3,500 feet of distribution mains, then serving nineteen consumers.

O. R. Grissom was granted authority in this Commission's Decision No. 25460, dated December 19, 1932, to operate said water system as a public utility within territory near El Monte, Los Angeles County, described as follows:

Tract bounded on the east by San Gabriel River, on the south by Valley boulevard, on the west by Peck Road, and on the north by El Monte Road.

Lucy Geneva Grissom, following the death of O. R. Grissom, inherited said water system and appurtenances, and by authority granted in Decision No. 35102, dated March 3, 1942, effected the transfer of all her rights, title and interest therein, together with the certificate of public convenience and necessity, to Norman C. Grissom and Doris Lee Grissom, his wife. Subsequent inability of applicants to make needed repairs to one of their important distribution mains resulted in dissatisfaction on the part of their consumers. Thereafter, on or about January, 1943, all but four of the twenty-five consumers then served made application to and obtained water service from San Gabriel Valley Water Service, a public utility serving adjacent and surrounding territory.

On September 18, 1943, subsequent to filing of this application, the last consumer applied to and received water service from said San Gabriel Valley Water Service. There appears, therefore, no reason for further operation of the Grissom Water System as a public utility, as all former consumers are now being served from other sources. No one appeared at the hearing to protest abandonment and discontinuance thereof. The authority sought in the application herein should be granted.

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 now being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Norman C. Grissom and Doris Lee Grissom, operating under the fictitious firm name of Grissom Water System, be and they are hereby authorized to abandon and discontinue all water service within that territory, or any portion thereof, as described in the above Opinion, on and after the first day of December, 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) On or before the 31st day of December, 1943, said Norman C. Grissom and Doris Lee Grissom shall refund to all consumers all deposits or credits due them, if any, arising from advances made to guarantee payment of water bills, for main extensions, meters, service connections and for any other purposes whatsoever emanating from this phase of their operation under the jurisdiction and control of this Commission.
- (2) Within forty-five (45) days from and after the date of this Order, said Norman C. Grissom and Doris Lee Grissom shall file with this Commission a signed statement indicating that such deposits, if any, have been refunded as ordered and directed above.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity acquired by Norman C. Grissom and Doris Lee Grissom in accordance with this Commission's Decision No. 35102, dated March 3, 1942, be and it is hereby cancelled.

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 23rd day of November, 1943.

Francis J. Hovener
J. Baker
Justin J. Casales
Richard L. Lachse
Thomas C. Long
 Commissioners,