Decision No. 37130

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMTISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of Ella L. Hatch, formerly Ella L. Knowles, a married woman to sell and R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, to purchase the Raymond Water Works of Ella L. Hatch; formerly Ella L. Knowles, a married woman, known as the Raymond Water Works, also known and called the Water System in the town of Raymond, California.

Application No. 25955

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BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Ella L. Hatch, owning and operating a public utility water system, under the name and style of Raymond Water Works, and engaged in the business of providing water service in and in the vicinity of the town of Raymond, Madera County, asks authority to sell the water system together with certain nonoperative real property to R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, who joins in the application.

Applicant Ella L. Hatch desires to be relieved of the burden of operating the water system because of ill health and other business obligations. R. E. and Florence McPherson will continue to operate said system under the present name of Raymond Water Works.

The investment in the water system and approximately 620 acres of land is reported at \$12,000. The sale price for both properties is \$11,000, of which \$6,000 has been allocated by applicants for the land and \$5,000 for the water system. Applicant claims the estimated present replacement cost of the system with second-hand material is \$5,204. The investment in fixed capital installed of system, as of February 3, 1944, is estimated by Commission's engineers to be \$6,990, and the reserve for accrued depreciation amounts to \$1,706. The operative revenues for the year 1943 were \$414, and the operation expenses for the same period are reported as \$97.49. The above expenses include only the cost of power and repairs to the system.

There are eleven consumers receiving water service.

An investigation having been made, and it appearing that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, and that the application should be granted in so far as the operative property is concerned, now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Ella L. Hatch, owning and operating a water system under the fictitious firm name and style of Raymond Water Works, be and she is hereby authorized to transfer to R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, that certain public utility water system used in supplying domestic service to consumers, in and in the vicinity of Raymond, Madera County, said property being more particularly described in the Grant Deed attached to the application as Exhibit "B."

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That such transfer shall be made on or before July 1, 1944, and that Ella L. Hatch shall file a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance with this Commission on or before said date;
- 2. That Fila L. Hatch shall file a written statement with this Commission, on or before July 1, 1944, indicating the date on which control and possession of said water system were relinquished:
- 3. That on or before the date of actual transfer of said system, Ella L. Hatch shall refund all deposits which consumers are entitled to have refunded, under the utility's filed rates, rules and regulations, and shall file a written statement, on or before July 1, 1944, showing disposition of any such deposits, or that no deposits existed;
- 4. That upon compliance with the above Order of the Commission, said Ella L. Hatch shall be relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said system;
- 5. That R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, are hereby directed to file on or before July 1, 1944, four copies of rates for water service furnished by this system in the town of Raymond, Madera County, which rates shall not be higher, in any particular, than the applicable rates now on file:
- 6. That R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson; his wife, are hereby directed to file, on or before July 1, 1944, four sets of rules and regulations applicable to water service in the town of Raymond; Madera County, each set of which shall contain a map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale, upon a sheet approximately 8½ x ll inches in size, delineating thereupon in distinctive markings the boundaries of the present service area and the location thereof with

reference to the surrounding territory; it being understood, however, that the filing of such sketch shall not be considered as a conclusive determination of the area dedicated.

7. That R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, are hereby directed to file, on or before July 1, 1944, four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 600 feet to the inch, delineating the area served in the town of Raymond, Madera County, and its location with reference to source of supply and surrounding territory. Such map shall show the source and date thereof, and include data sufficient to determine clearly the location of the various properties comprising the service area.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of value for any purpose other than the proceeding herein involved.

This Order shall become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated atom trancisco, California, this 13 day of

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