

Decision No. 37603

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of VAN BUREN E. PURDUM and GENEVIEVE A. PURDUM, husband and wife; WILLIAM G. CROOK and MAY E. CROOK, husband and wife; HARRY E. MILLER and LOUISE J. MILLER, husband and wife; doing business under the name and style of "AJAX WATER COMPANY"; and, JOSEPH C. DUNAS, for an order authorizing permission to sell the Ajax Water Company.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 26369

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Van Buren E. Purdum and Genevieve A. Purdum, husband and wife, William G. Crook and May E. Crook, husband and wife, Harry E. Miller and Louise J. Miller, husband and wife, a co-partnership doing business as Ajax Water Company, and owning and operating a public utility water system within the boundaries of Tract No. 8242, adjoining the eastern city limits of Lynwood, Los Angeles County, ask the Commission for authority to sell the system together with a certificate of public convenience and necessity and other operative rights to Joseph C. Dunas.

The Commission in its Decision No. 28893, dated June 15, 1936, granted Genevieve A. Purdum, as managing trustee for a co-partnership, consisting of the above-named parties, a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system in Tracts No. 8242 and No. 6575. The water system was constructed to serve Tract No. 8242 in which the co-partnership owned considerable real estate, and as many of the lots have now been sold, they desire to retire from public utility water business. The mains were not extended into Tract No. 6575, but it is being served by the City of Lynwood Water System.

The fixed capital is reported to be \$7,315 and the present value of the property as \$4,390. The sale price is \$3,500. There are 58 consumers being served

by the system which service produces an annual revenue of \$1,285.

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, subject to the provisions of this Order, now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Van Buren E. Purdum and Genevieve A. Purdum, husband and wife, William G. Crook and May E. Crook, husband and wife, Harry E. Miller and Louise J. Miller, husband and wife, a co-partnership, doing business as Ajax Water Company, be and they are hereby authorized to sell and transfer to Joseph C. Dunas, the certificate of public convenience and necessity defined in the Commission's Order in its Decision No. 28893, dated June 15, 1936, and their public utility property together with all operative rights, said property being more particularly described in the Grant Deeds and Bill of Sale attached to the application.
2. Upon compliance with the following conditions, said Van Buren E. Purdum and Genevieve A. Purdum, husband and wife, William G. Crook and May E. Crook, husband and wife, Harry E. Miller and Louise J. Miller, husband and wife, shall be relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said water system:
 - (a) Such transfer shall be made on or before April 30, 1945, and a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance shall be filed with this Commission on or before said date.
 - (b) A signed written statement shall be filed with this Commission, on or before April 30, 1945, 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, under the utility's filed rates, rules and regulations, shall be refunded and a signed written statement showing the disposition of any such deposits or that no such deposits existed, shall be filed in this proceeding prior to April 30, 1945.
3. Joseph C. Dunas is hereby directed as follows:
 - (a) To file on or before April 30, 1945, four copies of rates for service in Tract No. 8242, which rates shall not be higher, in any particular, than the applicable rates now on file.
 - (b) To file, on or before April 30, 1945, four sets of rules and regulations applicable to water service in Tract No. 8242 each set of which shall contain a map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale, upon a sheet approximately 8½ x 11 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 of dedication.

(c) To file, on or before April 30, 1945, four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 600 feet to the inch, delineating the area served and its location with reference to sources 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 at San Francisco California, this 8th day of January, 1945.

Richard L. Jackson
Justin F. Cameron
Thomas W. O'Connell
James H. Lawrence
H. Paul Anderson
 COMMISSIONERS,