

Decision No. 37647

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application
for Sale of the Occidental Water
Works to Orville S. Clark and
Agnes Clark, his Wife.

Application No. 26507

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application, W. J. Meeker, Administrator of the Estate of Effie M. Meeker, also known as Effie Meeker, owning a public utility water system at Occidental, Sonoma County, California, asks permission of the Commission to sell the property to Orville S. Clark and Agnes Clark, his wife, who intend to operate it under the firm name and style of the Occidental Water Works. The Superior Court of Sonoma County has authorized W. J. Meeker to make the sale if it is approved by the Commission.

The sale price of the water system and approximately sixty-three acres of land is \$4,000. The springs furnishing the water supply for the system together with a storage tank and transmission pipe lines are located on the lands being transferred. The investment in fixed capital installed in the system, as of January 1, 1945, including operative lands, is estimated by Commission's engineers to be \$3,891, and the accrued depreciation as \$1,122. The operating revenues for the year 1944 were \$480, and the operating expenses, excluding depreciation for the same period, are reported as \$118. The operating expenses only include the cost of miscellaneous repairs to the system. There are at present 38 consumers receiving water service.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- (1) W. J. Meeker, Administrator of the Estate of Effie M. Meeker, also known as Effie Meeker, be and he is hereby authorized to transfer and convey to Orville S. Clark and Agnes Clark, his wife, that certain public utility water system used in supplying domestic service to consumers in and in the vicinity of Occidental, Sonoma County, California, said property being more particularly described in the application;
- (2) That such transfer shall be made on or before May 1, 1945, and that W. J. Meeker shall file a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance with this Commission on or before said date;
- (3) That W. J. Meeker shall file a written statement with this Commission, on or before May 1, 1945, indicating the date on which control and possession of said water system were relinquished;
- (4) That upon compliance with the above conditions, said W. J. Meeker, Administrator of the Estate of Effie M. Meeker, shall be relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said system;
- (5) That Orville S. Clark and Agnes Clark, his wife, are hereby directed to file on or before May 1, 1945, four copies of rates for water service furnished by this system in the town of Occidental, Sonoma County, which rates shall not be higher, in any particular, than the applicable rates now on file;
- (6) That Orville S. Clark and Agnes Clark, his wife, are hereby directed to file, on or before May 1, 1945, four sets of rules and regulations applicable to water service in the town of Occidental, Sonoma County, each set of which shall contain a map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale, upon a sheet approximately 8 1/2 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 dedicated;
- (7) That Orville S. Clark and Agnes Clark, his wife, are hereby directed to file, on or before May 1, 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 in the town of Occidental, Sonoma 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 as 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 30th day of January

1945.

Harold Rubin
Justice J. Casper
Richard Kachse
Jack Russell
Wm. D. Long
COMMISSIONERS.