

Decision No. 37822

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application

- of -

CALIFORNIA WATER & TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND ALTON W. HALL and MINNIE IDA HALL, his wife, for an Order authorizing the latter to sell to the former that certain water business conducted by the latter in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, Southeast of Temple City, Los Angeles, California, and for an Order establishing certain rates for California Water & Telephone Company.

ORIGINAL

Application
No. 26585

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application, Alton W. Hall and Minnie Ida Hall, his wife, hereinafter sometimes referred to as Sellers, ask permission to sell and transfer to California Water & Telephone Company for \$8,000 their public utility water properties situate southeast of Temple City, Los Angeles County, California.

A copy of the agreement of sale and purchase is on file in this application as Exhibit "A." The water properties consist of the westerly 88 feet of the northerly 270 feet of Lot 32, E. J. Baldwin's Addition No. 1 to Santa Anita Colony, excepting the northerly 110 feet thereof, a 12-inch well drilled to a depth of 240 feet, two pumps, a pumphouse, a 10,000 gallon steel tank, a 2,000 gallon steel tank, 5,450 feet of 4" pipe, 220 feet of 3"

pipe, 1,210 feet of 2" pipe and 60 meters. For 1944, Sellers report operating revenues of \$1,641.38.

California Water & Telephone Company, hereinafter sometimes referred to as Purchaser, is engaged in the business of serving and selling water for domestic and irrigation purposes in the territory adjacent to that now served by Sellers. Sellers desire to retire from the business of selling water as a public utility. Purchaser agrees to assume all public utility obligations of Sellers to supply water to the consumers in the district now served by Sellers and to such additional consumers in said district as may subsequently require water service. Purchaser, if it acquires the properties of Sellers, asks permission to charge for water service to consumers in the area now served by Sellers its rates now in effect in its Mariposa Wells System. This system is adjacent to the area served by Sellers.

Said rates of Purchasers are:

A. Domestic Use:

(1) Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8" meter	.....	\$1.00
For 3/4" "	.....	1.20
For 1" "	.....	1.40
For 1 1/2" "	.....	1.75
For 2" "	.....	2.00
For 3" "	.....	4.00

(2) Monthly Quantity Charges:

First 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	\$0.15
Next 1500 " " " 100 " "	.10
Over 2500 " " " 100 " "	.06

B. Irrigation Use:

Quantity charges where connection is for irrigation only:

Per 100 cubic feet \$0.06

Sellers now charge the following rates:

First 1000 cubic feet, per month or less	\$1.50
Over 1000 cubic feet, per 1000 cubic feet	.75

For agricultural irrigation service they charge a flat rate of \$1.00 per hour run of pump.

The application of Purchaser's rates to the 1944 domestic water used by Seller's consumers would have produced a total revenue of \$1,569.30 as compared with Seller's revenues of \$1,598.38. The over-all effect of the application of Purchaser's rates to 1944 water use results in a reduction of operating revenues in the amount of \$29.08. We believe that if Purchaser acquires said properties it should be permitted to charge its rates mentioned herein for water sold in Seller's service area.

Purchaser notified the Office of Price Administration of the filing of this application. That office has filed no petition of intervention.

O R D E R

The Commission having considered the above-entitled application and it being of the opinion that this is not a matter on which a hearing is necessary, and that this application should be granted subject to the provisions of this Order, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Alton W. Hall and Minnie Ida Hall, his wife, may after the effective date hereof and on or before August 1, 1945, sell and transfer to California Water & Telephone Company their public utility water properties described in the agreement of sale and purchase on file in this application as Exhibit "A," said sale and transfer to be made in accordance with the terms of said agreement.

2. California Water & Telephone Company may, after the effective date hereof and on or before August 1, 1945, acquire and operate said public utility water properties under its rates, rules and regulations now in effect in its Mariposa Wells System territory.

3. If, and when California Water & Telephone Company acquires said public utility water properties, Alton W. Hall and Minnie Ida Hall, his wife, are relieved from their public utility obligation to supply water to consumers residing in the area now served by them.

4. The authority herein granted will become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

5. Within thirty (30) days after the acquisition of said properties, California Water & Telephone Company shall file with the Railroad Commission a certified copy of the deed and any other instrument executed under which it holds title to said properties, together with a statement showing the date when it acquired said properties.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of April, 1945.

David Rudman
Justus C. Coker
Richard L. Jackson
Frank W. Allen
John H. Russell
Commissioners