

Decision No. 38722

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of JAMES A. HARRIS, Jr., Individually, and GEORGE W. COOPER, Individually, for an Order authorizing said Individuals to purchase each one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the outstanding stock of Aldercroft Heights Company, a public utility.

Application
No. 26847

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

This is an application by James A. Harris, Jr. and George W. Cooper for an order of the Commission authorizing them to purchase the outstanding stock of Aldercroft Heights Company, a corporation.

The application shows that James A. Harris, Jr. and George W. Cooper are the only members of a partnership, known as Monterey Bay Water Company, which is engaged as a public utility in the distribution of water in certain parts of Santa Cruz County, and that they now desire to purchase all the outstanding stock (600 shares) of Aldercroft Heights Company, a corporation engaged as a public utility in supplying water to about 103 consumers residing about six miles south of Los Gatos, California. It is alleged that applicants are informed and believe that a question may be raised concerning the legality of the purchase of the stock, because of the provisions of Section 51(b) of the Public Utilities Act, unless the approval of the

Railroad Commission is obtained. Accordingly, they have filed the present application.

We have considered this matter. In our opinion the purchase by the members of the partnership of the stock of Aldercroft Heights Company should be authorized, a public hearing not being necessary. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that James A. Harris, Jr. and George W. Cooper be, and they hereby are authorized to purchase and hold the outstanding stock of Aldercroft Heights Company.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted will become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of August, 1945.

David Rudman
Justice J. C. Cooper
Richard H. Haskins
George W. Cooper
James A. Harris
Commissioners