

Decision No. 38141

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  
Ben Steffen for permission to transfer  
ownership of the Central Valley Water  
Company.

Application No. 26617

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Ben Steffen, doing business as the Central Valley Water Company, selling water for domestic use in and in the vicinity of the unincorporated town of Central Valley, Shasta County, California, asks the Commission for authority to transfer the water system as a gift to Bernard R. Steffen, his son, who has managed the utility for the past two years.

The fixed capital, as of December 31, 1944, is reported as \$22,981, the operating revenues as \$6,212 and the operating expenses as \$6,146, showing a net revenue of \$66. The reserve for accrued depreciation is reported as \$5,039. There were 132 consumers at the end of the year.

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 that Ben Steffen, doing business as Central Valley Water Company, be and he is hereby authorized to transfer to Bernard R. Steffen, his son, the public utility water system used in supplying domestic service to residents in and in the vicinity of the town of Central Valley, Shasta County, said property being more particularly described in the application.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Ben Steffen shall be relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said system upon

compliance with the following conditions:

1. That transfer shall be made on or before September 30, 1945, and that Ben Steffen shall file a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance with this Commission on or before said date;
2. That Ben Steffen shall file a written statement with this Commission, on or before September 30, 1945, indicating the date on which control and possession of said water system was relinquished;
3. That on or before the date of actual transfer of said system, Ben Steffen shall refund all deposits which customers are entitled to have refunded under the utility's filed rates, rules and regulations, and shall file a written statement, on or before September 30, 1945, showing disposition of any such deposits, or that no deposits existed.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1. That Bernard R. Steffen is hereby directed to file on or before August 31, 1945, four copies of rates for water service furnished by this system in and in the vicinity of the unincorporated town of Central Valley, in Shasta County, which rates shall not be any higher, in any particular, than the applicable rates now on file;
2. That Bernard R. Steffen is hereby directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, four sets of rules and regulations governing relations with his consumers, each set of which shall contain a suitable map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale upon a sheet 8½ x 11 inches in size, delineating thereupon in distinctive markings the boundaries of its present service area, and the location thereof with reference to the surrounding territory; provided, however, that such map or sketch shall not thereby be considered by this Commission or any other public body as a final or conclusive determination or establishment of the dedicated area of service, or any portion thereof;

3. That Bernard R. Steffen is hereby directed to file with this Commission, within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 400 feet to the inch, upon which shall be delineated by appropriate markings the territory presently served. This map should be reasonably accurate, show the source and date thereof, and include sufficient data to determine clearly and definitely the location of the property comprising the entire utility area of service; provided, however, that such map shall not thereby be considered by this Commission or any other public body as a final or conclusive determination or establishment of the dedicated area of service, or any portion thereof.

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

This Order shall become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August

1945.

Richard Rudman  
Justice J. C. ...  
Richard ...  
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COMMISSIONERS.