

Decision No. ~~28510~~

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen to sell, and Melvin Henry Strong and Leona May Strong to purchase, the Rohnerville Water Works of Rohnerville, California.

Application No. 27116

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application, William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen, husband and wife, doing business under the firm name and style of Rohnerville Water Works, ask permission to transfer their water properties to Melvin Henry Strong and Leona May Strong..

The application shows that William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen are engaged in the business of serving the residents of Rohnerville, Humboldt County, with water for domestic purposes. Their latest annual report to the Commission shows, as of December 31, 1944, investment in plant and equipment of \$7,664.03 and for the year 1944, revenues of \$1,665.80, expenses of \$1,174.81 and net profit of \$490.99. At the close of the year they sold water to 100 customers.

It appears that the present owners of the water system desire to dispose of the system and to that end have entered into an agreement, dated November 23, 1945, to sell the water properties, for \$4,500 payable in cash, to Melvin Henry Strong and Leona May Strong. A copy of the agreement has been filed in this proceeding as Exhibit "A". The application shows that Melvin

Henry Strong has had experience in the water business, that he is a pipe fitter and familiar with the plumbing business.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary and that the request of applicants should be granted, as herein provided. The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of value for any purpose other than the proceeding herein involved.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen may, on or before February 1, 1946, sell and transfer the water properties comprising the Rohnerville Water Works to Melvin Henry Strong and Leona May Strong, such sale and transfer to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement, dated November 23, 1945, a copy of which is filed in this proceeding as Exhibit "A".

2. Within fifteen (15) days after the transfer of the properties under the authority herein granted, William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen shall file with the Commission a written statement showing the exact date upon which they relinquished control of said properties and a copy of each instrument executed to convey said properties to Melvin Henry Strong and Leona May Strong.

3. On or before the date of actual transfer of said properties, William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen shall refund all deposits which consumers are entitled to have refunded and deliver the remainder of the deposits, if any, to the Purchasers for the purpose of refunding the same, and shall file with the Commission a written statement showing the disposition of any such deposits or showing that no deposits existed.

4. William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen shall file with the Commission, on or before January 15, 1946, a financial report covering their operations during 1945 of the Rohnerville Water Works.

5. Upon compliance with this order, William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen shall be relieved of all public utility obligations in connection with said Rohnerville Water Works.

6. Melvin Henry Strong and Leona May Strong, upon the date they acquire said Rohnerville Water Works, shall file with the Commission four copies of the schedule of rates for water service to consumers in and about Rohnerville, which rates shall not be higher, in any particular, than the rates now on file with the Commission by William Jessen and Olive L. Jessen.

7. Melvin Henry Strong and Leona May Strong shall file with the Commission, on or before February 1, 1946, four copies of rules and regulations applicable to water service to be furnished by them in and about Rohnerville, each copy of which shall contain a map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale, upon a sheet approximately 8½ x 11 inches in size, delineating thereon 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.

8. Melvin Henry Strong and Leona May Strong shall file with the Commission, on or before February 1, 1946, 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 and about Rohnerville and its location with reference to the

source of supply and surrounding territory, such map to show the source and date thereof and to include data sufficient to determine clearly and definitely the location of the various properties comprising the service area.

9. The authority herein granted will become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Jose, California, this 14th day of December, 1945.

Edward Anderson

Francis D. Clark

James P. Lawrence

Harold P. Hula

Commissioners