

Decision No. 39542

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
CHAUVET WATER WORKS and JOHN W. CARL
and FRANCES C. CARL, his wife, for
Authorization and Permission of the
Railroad Commission of the State of
California, to Transfer the Water
Works at Glen Ellen, California, from
Chauvet Water Works, a Co-Partnership,
to John W. Carl and Frances C. Carl,
his wife.

ORIGINAL

Application
No. 27926

OPINION AND ORDER

Arsene J. Chauvet, Annic Chauvet and A. M. Doyle, co-partners doing business under the name of Chauvet Water Works, own and operate a public utility water system which supplies water for domestic and commercial purposes to the inhabitants of Glen Ellen and vicinity in Sonoma County, California.

They ask permission to sell their public utility water properties to John W. Carl and Frances C. Carl, his wife. The purchasers have agreed to pay for the properties \$15,000, such payment to be made upon the transfer of the properties.

The co-partnership reports for 1945 operating revenues of \$2,787.54 and operating expenses of \$2,527.36, leaving net operating revenues of \$260.18. At the end of 1945 the co-partnership had 118 active service connections, 76 of which were supplied water under meter rates and 42 under flat rates. The water sold by the co-partnership is obtained from Graham Creek and from Ashbury Creek. The tangible properties consist of four storage tanks having a capacity of about 51,800 gallons, 28,477 feet of

pipe varying from 3/4 inch to 7 inches in diameter, 118 service connections, 76 meters and appurtenances. The properties are generally described in the bill of sale on file in this application.

It is of record that the present owners have reached an age where they desire to sell and retire from the public utility business. It further shows that the purchasers have assets valued in excess of the \$15,000 cash payment for the properties.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred.

The Commission has considered applicants' request and is 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. Arsene J. Chauvet, Annie Chauvet and A. M. Doyle, co-partners doing business under the name of Chauvet Water Works may, on or before December 31, 1946, transfer to John W. Carl and Frances C. Carl, his wife, their public utility properties described in the bill of sale on file in this application. The latter may acquire and operate said properties.

2. John W. Carl and Frances C. Carl shall make the following filings with the Commission within thirty (30) days after the acquisition of said properties:

- a. Four (4) copies of rates for water service, such rates in no respect to be higher than rates pre-

sently on file for such service.

- b. Four (4) sets of rules and regulations governing relations with customers, each set to contain a map or sketch drawn to an indicated scale and about 8½ by 11 inches in size, showing the area served and location thereof relative to surrounding territory.
- c. Four (4) copies of a comprehensive map or sketch drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 400 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the area served. Such map shall be reasonably accurate, show source and date, and include sufficient data to determine clearly the location of the various properties comprising the area served. The filing of service area maps shall not be construed as a determination or establishment of the dedicated area of service.
- d. The date when they took possession of the properties.

3. The authority herein granted is effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of October, 1946.

Harold A. Hule
Justus F. Gacunas
Thomas J. Clark
Leslie H. Russell
R. F. Dunderberg
 Commissioners