

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 40602

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, to Sell; and Florence McPherson to Purchase the Raymond Water Works of R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, known as the Raymond Water Works, also known and called the Water System in the Town of Raymond, California.)

Application No. 28575

OPINION AND ORDER

R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, doing business as Raymond Water Works, own and operate a public utility water system which supplies water for domestic purposes in the unincorporated town of Raymond, Madera County. They ask the Commission for authority to sell and transfer the system to Florence McPherson.

R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, have entered into a property settlement agreement wherein R. E. McPherson has agreed to transfer to his wife all of his right, title and interest in and to the waterworks. Florence McPherson expects to operate the property as it has been operating in the past. This water system commenced operations in 1909, prior to enactment of the Public Utilities Act and no transfer of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, therefore, is involved herein.

The utility reports for 1946 show operating revenues of \$861 and operating expenses \$290, leaving a net operating revenue of \$571. The above expenses included only actual cash expenditures, with no charges set up for labor and operator's salary. The fixed capital as of December 31, 1946, was reported as \$5,379. At the end of the year there were 23 active service connections, all metered. The properties to be sold are described generally in the bill of sale and assignment attached to the application as Exhibit "B."

It appearing that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that R. E. McPherson and Florence McPherson, his wife, doing business as Raymond Water Works be and they are hereby authorized to sell and transfer to said Florence McPherson that certain public utility water system, known as Raymond Water Works, used in supplying water for domestic purposes to customers in and in the vicinity of the unincorporated town of Raymond, in the County of Madera, said property being more particularly described in the "Bill of Sale and Assignment," attached to the application as Exhibit "B," which exhibit is made a part hereof by reference.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1. That such transfer shall be made on or before November 1, 1947, and that R. E. McPherson shall file a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance with this Commission on or before said date;
2. That R. E. McPherson shall file a written statement with this Commission on or before November 1, 1947, indicating the date on which control and possession of said water system were relinquished;
3. That upon compliance with the above Order of the Commission, said R. E. McPherson shall be relieved of all public-utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said system.
4. That Florence McPherson is hereby directed to file on or before November 1, 1947, four copies of rates for water service furnished by this system in the town of Raymond, Madera County, which rates shall not be higher, in any particular, than the applicable rates now on file.

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

This Order shall become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August

1947.

Harold K. Kula  
Justin S. Colver  
W. A. Powell  
A. J. Johnson  
Donald J. [unclear]  
 Commissioners.