

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41035

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 ELSIE E. MOFFETT and MILDRED V.  
 MOFFETT, a copartnership doing business  
 under the firm name and style of  
 LEMON COVE WATER COMPANY, and  
 M. C. RICHARDSON AND HENRIETTA  
 RICHARDSON, his wife, for an order  
 authorizing the sale of Lemon Cove  
 Water Company to M. C. Richardson  
 and Henrietta Richardson, his wife.

Application No. 28868

O R D E R

Elsie E. Moffett and Mildred V. Moffett, a copartnership doing business as Lemon Cove Water Company, own and operate a public utility water system in the unincorporated area of the Town of Lemon Cove, Tulare County, California. In this proceeding they request authority to sell said water system to M. C. Richardson and Henrietta Richardson, who join in the application.

Applicants Elsie E. Moffett and Mildred V. Moffett desire to be relieved of the burden of operating the water system because of ill health and a desire to move to the City of Exeter. Applicants M. C. Richardson and Henrietta Richardson, will continue to operate said water system in conjunction with their other business.

The sale price of the water system is \$5,000, payable in cash upon delivery of the deed and bill of sale. The present owners' reported investment in the properties is \$5,901 and their revenues from operation were reported at \$1,127 in 1946 and at \$972 for the first ten months of 1947, with net profits, after deductions for operating expenses, taxes and depreciation of \$282 in 1946 and of \$268 for the first ten months of 1947. The system supplies approximately 35 consumers.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that approval of the transfer is in the public interest.

Now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Elsie E. Moffett and Mildred V. Moffett are hereby authorized to transfer on or before March 31, 1948 to M. C. Richardson and Henrietta Richardson that certain public utility water system supplying consumers in the unincorporated area of the Town of Lemon Cove, Tulare County, California, said system being more particularly described in the application as above numbered.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Elsie E. Moffett and Mildred V. Moffett shall file with this Commission, on or before March 31, 1948 a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance.
2. That Elsie E. Moffett and Mildred V. Moffett shall file with this Commission, on or before March 31, 1948, a written statement indicating the date by which control and possession of said water system were relinquished.
3. That upon compliance with the above order of the Commission said Elsie E. Moffett and Mildred V. Moffett shall be relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said system.
4. That M. C. Richardson and Henrietta Richardson are hereby directed to file, on or before March 31, 1948 four copies of rates for water service furnished by this system in a part of the unincorporated area of the Town of Lemon Cove, 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 the value for any purpose other than the proceeding herein involved.

The authority herein granted shall become effective upon the date hereof.

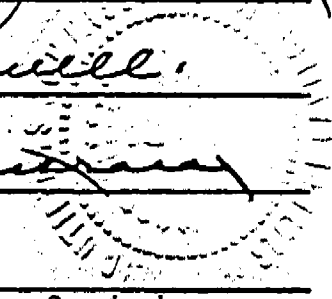
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1947.

Harold P. Kule

Justin F. Quallen

Earl K. Ruffell

A. J. [unclear]



Commissioners