

Decision No. 41584

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

<p>In the Matter of the Application of JIM BECHTEL for authority to sell and transfer to A. J. PATTERSON the Public utility domestic water system serving the town of Kernville, Kern County, California.</p>)
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Application No. 29225

O R D E R

Mr. Jim Bechtel, (J. R. Bechtel), engaged in the business of supplying domestic water in the unincorporated town of Kernville in Kern County, asks the Commission for authority to sell and transfer his water system for cash consideration to A. J. Patterson who joins in the application.

Jim Bechtel installed the water system in 1908 and has operated the property as a public utility since said date. He desires to be relieved of the burden of operating the system because of his age, and also because of other business interests. Mr. Patterson, the purchaser, is a property owner and a part-time resident of Kernville. He is a pipefitter by trade and is familiar with the system and its operation. He expects to operate the property under the name of Patterson Water System.

The estimated cost of the system is \$5,000. The operating revenues and operating expenses for the year 1947 are reported to be \$1,400 and \$1,100 respectively, resulting in a net revenue of \$300. At the end of the year, the system was supplying water to 53 customers, all at flat rates.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That Jim Bechtel, after the effective date hereof and on or before July 1, 1948, may sell and transfer to A. J. Patterson that certain public utility domestic water system serving the town of Kernville, Kern County, California, and shall file with this Commission, on or before said date, a certified copy of the final instrument of conveyance;
2. That Jim Bechtel shall file a written statement with this Commission, on or before July 1, 1948, indicating the date on which control and possession of said water system were relinquished;
3. That, upon compliance with this order, said Jim Bechtel shall stand relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with said system;
4. That A. J. Patterson is hereby directed to file, on or before July 1, 1948, four copies of rates for water service furnished by this system in the town of Kernville, Kern County, which rates shall not be higher, in any particular, than the applicable rates now being charged.
5. That A. J. Patterson, on or before July 1, 1948, shall submit to this Commission for its approval four sets of rules and regulations governing relations with his consumers.

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

The effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 4th day of May, 1948.

R. T. [Signature]
Justice J. Casner
Grant Powell
Harold P. Kula
Smith Potter