

Decision No. 42360

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of George T. Conlin and Miriam E. Conlin, his wife and the State of California by and through its State Park Commission (hereinafter called the "Commission") for an order authorizing the sale of the public utility water system in the Town of Columbia, Tuolumne County, California, owned and operated by George T. Conlin, to the Commission.

Application
No. 29913

OPINION AND ORDER

This is an application by George T. Conlin and Miriam E. Conlin, his wife, and the State of California, by and through its State Park Commission, for an order of the Public Utilities Commission authorizing said George T. Conlin and Miriam E. Conlin to sell to the State of California the public utility water system known as the Columbia Water System and more particularly described in the application as follows:

Being all of that certain spring situate in the Town of Columbia, as per official Map thereof, known also as McKnight Spring as set out in a certain deed to said Thomas Conlin by John McKnight dated 8/31/1900, recorded in deeds said records Volume 45, Page 244, with also all water rights and privileges, water system, pipes and pipe lines therewith connected and four springs in Matelot Gulch, now connected with pipe lines and all interests therewith connected, used, being the water system of said Town of Columbia, and being same premises described as Parcel 3 in that certain commissioner's deed recorded in Volume 103 of Deeds, Page 92, Tuolumne County Records.

The State of California has agreed to pay \$7,000 for said properties.

Reports filed with this Commission show that the water system has been serving approximately 120 consumers and that it produced operating revenues of \$3,018 in 1946 and \$3,214 in 1947.

The application shows that the California State Park Commission has extensive holdings in the Town of Columbia, the same being the Columbia Historic State Park unit of the California State Park System. The State intends to acquire additional property in Columbia. The Park Commission is of the opinion that the present water system is inadequate to meet the present or future requirements at the contemplated Columbia Historic State Park development which is being undertaken by it. It is alleged that the present owners of the water system, because of other activities, are both unable and unwilling to continue the operation and maintenance of the water system in a manner that will insure an adequate water supply for domestic, commercial, irrigation and fire protection purposes. The State proposes (a) to acquire the water system from George T. Conlin and Miriam E. Conlin, (b) to construct and operate additional pipelines, reservoir, treatment plant and distribution system as supplement to and incorporate with the existing system and (c) to limit its service to users in the Columbia Historic State Park and/or to present users of the existing system.

The Public Utilities Commission has considered this application and is of the opinion that a hearing thereon is not necessary, and that the application should be granted, as herein provided, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. George T. Conlin and Miriam E. Conlin, his wife, after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1949,

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. George T. Conlin and Miriam E. Conlin, his wife, after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1949,

may sell to the State of California the public utility water properties referred to herein.

2. At or prior to the transfer of said water properties under the authority herein granted, George T. Conlin shall refund all consumers' deposits and thereafter and on or before June 30, 1949, shall file with the Public Utilities Commission a statement showing the amount and disposition of such deposits or showing that no deposits existed, and a statement showing the date upon which he transferred said water properties.

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

4. The authority herein granted will become effective twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of December 1948.

R. F. [Signature]
James F. [Signature]
Sumner [Signature]

Commissioners