Decision No. 44789



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of

MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES, INC.,
a California corporation,

to sell its water system known as
Freeway Park to Orange County Waterworks District No. 7 under Section
51(a) of the Public Utilities Act.

Application No. 31726

OPINION AND ORDER

Mountain Properties, Inc., applicant herein, is a corporation engaged in the operation of public utility water systems in the Counties of Orange, Los Angeles and Kern. In this application, it seeks authorization to sell its water system located at Freeway Park, Orange County, to Orange County Waterworks District No. 7. The agreed purchase price is the sum of \$26,000.

The properties comprising the system, according to the company's reports to the Commission, include certain real estate, two wells, two tanks with a capacity of 2,000 gallons each, 12,755 feet of mains and 191 meters. The company reports its investment in the properties, as of December 31, 1949, at \$27,567 with an accumulated reserve for depreciation of \$2,468, and its revenues for the year 1949 at \$7,335, with net revenues of \$931.

The application shows that at an election held on November 1, 1949, by the Orange County Waterworks District No. 7, a majority of the voters of said district voted bonds for the purchase of the water system. In lieu of condemnation proceedings, the company and the district have entered into an agreement for the voluntary

purchase and sale of the properties, a copy of which agreement has been filed in this proceeding as Exhibit A.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing thereon is not necessary; that the proposed sale will not be adverse to the public interest; and that the application should be granted, as herein provided; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mountain Properties, Inc., after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1950, may sell to Orange County Waterworks District No. 7 the public utility water system at Freeway Park, Orange County, referred to herein, such sale to be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement filed in this proceeding as Exhibit A; provided,

- 1. That Mountain Properties, Inc., within thirty (30) days after the sale of said properties, shall notify this Commission in writing of the completion of the transfer herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- 2. That Mountain Properties, Inc., prior to the transfer of said properties, shall refund all deposits which customers on said water system are entitled to have refunded.
- 3. That the action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties herein authorized to be sold.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted will become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1950 day of September, 1950.

Commissioners