Decision No. 45896

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of) FELTON WATER CO., a corporation,) for an order authorizing the transfer) of certain real properties near the) town of Felton, in the County of) Santa Cruz, State of California.)

Application No. 32452

OPINION AND ORDER

Felton Water Co., a corporation, is engaged in the business of supplying and distributing water for domestic, commercial, and industrial purposes in and about the unincorporated town of Felton, in Santa Cruz County, California. In this proceeding the company asks for authority to transfer a parcel of nonoperative land containing 16.3 acres, adjoining its watershed properties, to the Estate of George A. Fetherston, Deceased. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Felton Water Co., except three, belong to said estate. In the application it is alleged that the water company and said estate desire to exchange nonoperative lands now belonging to water company for watershed lands now being used by said company in the production of water, but actually in the ownership of the Estate of Fetherston. This will be consummated in the near future, subject to order of the court and of this Commission.

A field investigation made by an engineer of the Commission's staff confirms the allegation that the parcel of land sought to be transferred herein is nonoperative property and that the lands which will be received in the future in exchange therefor presently are used and useful productive watershed lands

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comprising two parcels, one of 25 acres, more or less, in Section 20, and the other containing 1.04 acres in Section 21, both parcels being in TLOS, R2W, MDB&M. A description in metes and bounds of these watershed lands to be transferred by said estate to applicant, together with a map showing the lands proposed to be exchanged, have been submitted to the Commission and investigated in the field.

It appears, therefore, that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted, subject to the following condition:

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

Now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Felton Water Co. may, on and after the effective date hereof, transfer to the Estate of George A. Fetherston, also known as George Fetherston, Deceased, that certain parcel of land containing 16.3 acres, more or less, situate in Section 21, TLOS, R2W, MDB&M, in the County of Santa Cruz and more particularly described in Paragraph VII of the application herein, which description is hereby incorporated in this order by reference.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Felton Water Co. shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing of the date of completion of the transfer of the property authorized herein.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this day , 1951.

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Commissioners.