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Decision No. 47807

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of O. C. CONNELY and ALICE CONNELY to sell and L. R. MOORE and CATEERINE MOORE to purchase the ALISAL HEIGHTS WATER CO., near the City of Salinas, County of Monterey, State of California.

Application No. 33761

OPINION AND ORDER

O. C. Connely and Alice Connely, his wife, are, and for some years have been, engaged in operating the Alisal Heights Water Co. for the distribution of water to approximately 250 customers in Alisal Heights, near the City of Salinas. In this application they report that they desire to retire from the operations and that they have made arrangements, and now seek authorization, to transfer the water system to L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore.

According to the application the properties to be transferred include two parcels of land, rights of way, two wells and pumping plants, and approximately 15,000 feet of galvanized pipeline. In their latest annual report to the Commission the sellers report their investment in the water system in the amount of \$13,228 as of the close of 1951. They report their revenues for the year 1951 in the amount of \$4,366 and for the year 1950 in the amount of \$4,237, with net income of \$631 in 1951 and \$655 in 1950, after deducting allowances of \$900 in each year for salaries and \$380 for depreciation.

The agreed purchase price is \$15,000, of which \$5,000 will be payable in cash upon authorization being granted by the Commission and the remainder will be represented by a promissory note to be payable in annual installments of \$1,000, or more, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest; that a public hearing is not necessary; that the application should be granted, as herein provided; that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the note herein authorized is reasonably required by L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore for the purpose specified herein; and that such purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. O. C. Connely and Alice Connely, on and after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1952, may transfer the properties comprising the Alisal Heights Water Co. to L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore.
- 2. L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore, on and after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1952, in part payment for the properties herein authorized to be transferred, may issue a promissory note in the principal amount of \$10,000, payable in annual installments of \$1,000, or more, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum.
- 3. The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred.
- 4. On or before the date of actual transfer, O. C. Connely and Alice Connely shall refund all deposits which customers are entitled to have refunded. Any unrefunded deposits shall be transferred to and become the obligation for refund of L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore.

- 5. The rates, rules and regulations of 0. C. Connely and Alice Connely now on file with the Commission shall be refiled within thirty (30) days after the date of transfer under the name of L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore in accordance with the procedure prescribed by General Order No. 96, or, in lieu of such refiling, L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore may file a notice of adoption of said presently filed rates, rules and regulations. No increase in the present rates shall be made unless authorized by the Commission.
- 6. If the authority herein granted is exercised, 0. C. Connely and Alice Connely, within thirty (30) days thereafter, shall notify the Commission in writing of the date of the completion of the transfer herein authorized.
- 7. L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore shall file with the Commission monthly reports as required by General Order No. 24-A, which order, insofar as applicable, is made a part of this order.
- 8. The authority herein granted will become effective when L. R. Moore and Catherine Moore have paid the minimum fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of October, 1952.

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