

ORIGINALDecision No. 48503

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 CITIZENS DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY,)
 for authority to transfer to Anza)
 Water Company, a certain portion of)
 its utility property.)

Application No. 34127

O P I N I O N

The application of Citizens Domestic Water Company, which is also signed by Anza Water Company, requests authority to transfer to Anza Water Company, certain of its utility property in Riverside County. The items of property included in the transaction are eleven water meters, service connections, and that certain pipe line and portion of applicant's water distribution system in the area described as follows:

Commencing at a point in Arlington Avenue which is about 1,335 feet westerly of Van Buren Street; thence easterly in Arlington Avenue to Van Buren Street; thence northerly in Van Buren Street and Pedley Road to a point which is about 1,980 feet northerly of Arlington Avenue.

The consumers served water by means of the above-described facilities were formerly within the area served by Citizens Domestic. Upon request of Anza and with the agreement of Citizens Domestic it was included within the area certificated to Anza. It is alleged that the consumers involved can readily be served from adjacent facilities of Anza and that Citizens Domestic will benefit financially from being relieved of the maintenance of some 5,500 feet of pipe line required to serve this isolated area. Further, the adjacent facilities of Anza in this area are of greater capacity and thereby should provide materially improved service.

A comparison of the filed rates of the two utilities shows that under the rates of Anza the consumers affected would be subject to a higher minimum charge but would be entitled to more water for this amount. Anza's quantity rates, however, are less. Therefore, for average consumptions, about the same monthly billings as heretofore experienced should result.

The application of Anza for authorization of its presently certificated area, including the above-mentioned territory formerly served by Citizens Domestic, was granted by the Commission in Decision No. 47434, dated July 8, 1952, in Application No. 33048.

The original cost of the facilities proposed to be transferred is stated to be \$766.70 and the book value, as of December 31, 1952, \$287.61.

An investigation by our staff indicates that the eleven customers affected should receive an improved service and that there is no money or other consideration involved in the transfer of the facilities hereinabove described.

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

O R D E R

The Commission has considered the application and is of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, that the proposed transfer of applicant's facilities hereinabove described to Anza Water Company and the application of the rates of Anza Water Company to the customers in the area now served by applicant from these facilities is not adverse to the public interest, and finds that any increases in rates or charges to customers transferred as may result therefrom are justified, and that the request of applicant should be granted; good cause appearing, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Citizens Domestic Water Company may, on or after the effective date hereof, and on or before September 1, 1953, transfer to Anza Water Company the facilities described herein and in the application.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1. Citizens Domestic Water Company shall file within thirty days after the effective date of this order a statement showing the actual date of transfer of the facilities.
2. That on or before the date of actual transfer, Citizens Domestic Water Company shall refund all deposits which customers are entitled to have refunded; and that any unrefunded deposits shall be transferred to and become the obligation for refund of Anza Water Company.
3. Citizens Domestic Water Company shall file within sixty days after the effective date of this order, four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale not smaller than 600 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the service area as revised as the result of this order.
4. Citizens Domestic Water Company shall file coincident with the map filing ordered herein, four copies of a tariff service area map, in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 96.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of April, 1953.

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Commissioners