

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 48545

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
VICTOR WATER WORKS, INC.)
to sell water system to)
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY WATERWORKS)
DISTRICT NO. 2.)

Application No. 34194

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Victor Water Works, Inc., a California corporation, requests authority of the Commission to sell its water system in and about the community of Victor, San Joaquin County, to San Joaquin County Waterworks District No. 2, which joins in the application. Although the transfer of the utility was made as of December 31, 1951, Victor Water Works, Inc., inadvertently failed at that time to apply to the Commission for the necessary authorization.

The application states that the utility had 61 active service connections at the close of 1951 and its reported investment in utility property was \$11,970.55 with an accumulated reserve for depreciation amounting to \$3,833.34. The utility was sold for \$9,701.08 which was paid in cash at the time of the sale.

Further, the stockholders, most of whom resided outside of the area served, were not interested in investing any additional capital for the improvement of the system. The consumers proposed the purchase of the system by the District for the reason that they believed the operation as a publicly owned system would be more economical.

Victor Water Works, Inc., was dissolved and its business affairs liquidated on November 15, 1952, on which date a Certificate of Dissolution was filed in the office of the Secretary of State

of California. This application is executed and filed by the former directors of Victor Water Works, Inc., as trustees. According to the application, no consumers' deposits were unrefunded at the time of the transfer.

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

The Commission has considered the request of applicant and, being of the opinion that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest and is not a matter on which a public hearing is necessary, finds that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That the trustees and former directors of Victor Water Works, Inc., may on or after the effective date hereof sell its public utility water system to San Joaquin County Waterworks District No. 2, a political subdivision of the County of San Joaquin.
2. That concurrently with the sale and transfer of its public utility property to San Joaquin County Waterworks District No. 2, the trustees and former directors of Victor Water Works, Inc., shall be, and it is, relieved of the obligation to operate said property as a public utility.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of April, 1953.

R. J. Dunning
President

Harold G. Galt

Lawrence H. Patton
John P. Whitehill

Commissioners