

Decision No. 48760**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 the City of Coachella, a Municipal)
 Corporation, to purchase and W. H.)
 Kersteiner and Olga N. Kersteiner,)
 doing business as Coachella Water)
 Works, to sell a certain water pro-)
 ducing distributing system situate)
 in the City of Coachella, County of)
 Riverside, State of California.)

Application No. 34404

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application, filed May 28, 1953, W. H. Kersteiner and Olga N. Kersteiner, doing business as Coachella Water Works, request authority of the Commission to sell, transfer and convey their public utility water system serving a portion of the City of Coachella, Riverside County, to the City of Coachella, a municipal corporation, which joins in the application. This utility served approximately 325 consumers as of the end of 1952.

The agreed purchase price for the water system is \$38,000. Copies of the escrow instructions, bill of sale, grant deed and authorization by the city council to purchase the system are all attached to the application and made a part hereof by reference.

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 applicants and, being of the opinion that the proposed sale, transfer and conveyance will not be adverse to the public interest and that a public hearing is not necessary, finds that the application should be granted, as herein provided; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. W. H. Kersteiner and Olga N. Kersteiner, doing business as Coachella Water Works, may on or after the effective date hereof and on or before December 1, 1953 sell and transfer their public utility water system referred to in this application to the City of Coachella, a municipal corporation, pursuant to the terms of the escrow instructions for the purchase and sale thereof, dated April 24, 1953, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit A.
2. On or before the actual date of transfer, W. H. Kersteiner and Olga N. Kersteiner, doing business as Coachella Water Works, shall refund all consumer deposits, if any, to consumers entitled thereto, and within thirty days thereafter shall notify this Commission in writing of the completion of such refunding.
3. If the authority granted is exercised, W. H. Kersteiner and Olga N. Kersteiner, doing business as Coachella Water Works, within thirty days thereafter, shall notify this Commission in writing of the date of the completion of the transfer and of their compliance with the conditions hereof.
4. Upon due compliance with the above conditions, said W. H. Kersteiner and Olga N. Kersteiner, doing business as Coachella Water Works, shall stand relieved of all further public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with the operation of the public utility water system referred to in this proceeding.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of January, 1953.

R. J. Indurain
President

Harold H. Hulse

Kenneth Pottal

John E. Mitchell

Commissioners