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ORIGINALDecision No. 49864

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of BIG BEAR PINES WATER COMPANY,)
a California corporation, for a)
certificate of public convenience)
and necessity under Section 1001)
of the Public Utilities Code to)
extend its service area.)

Application No. 34542
(Amended)

OPINION AND ORDER

(1)
Big Bear Pines Water Company, a public utility water corporation, by the above-entitled application filed July 14, 1953, as amended August 21, 1953, seeks authority (2) to purchase, and Big Bear Woodlands & Lakewood Water Company, also a public utility water corporation, seeks authority to sell, a water system in Big Bear Woodlands and Lakewood Tracts in unincorporated territory in the vicinity of Big Bear Lake, San Bernardino County.

By Decision No. 40675, dated September 10, 1947, in Application No. 28310, Big Bear Woodlands was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve Big Bear Woodlands Tract, a subdivision of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 2 East, S.B.B.&M., except the north nine acres thereof, and Lakewood Tract, a subdivision of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 2 East, S.B.B.&M.

- (1) Hereinafter referred to as Big Bear Pines.
(2) Hereinafter referred to as Big Bear Woodlands.

Water System Properties
to be Transferred

According to the amended application, the property of Big Bear Woodlands to be transferred to Big Bear Pines is all of the operating properties of the former utility consisting of two wells, one No. 52 high lift pump with 5 h.p. Wisconsin engine, one 2,500 gallon capacity steel pressure tank, 6,190 feet of 4-inch, 8,180 feet of 2-1/2-inch, 5,000 feet of 2-inch, and 5,000 feet of 1-1/2-inch welded steel pipe. The water system properties are located in the authorized service area of Big Bear Woodlands. Said service area comprises approximately 800 lots but there are only eight consumers. The amended application states that there has been no income from the properties as no charge has been made for water service. The original cost of the utility property being transferred is alleged to be \$28,068.79, and the agreed purchase price is not to exceed \$28,518.79. The terms of payment for the assets to be transferred are 35 per cent of the gross income from the area described for ten years, but not to exceed the aforementioned amount.

Rates

Big Bear Pines proposes to apply its presently filed rates for water service to the Big Bear Woodlands Tract and Lakewood Tract. Such rates include an annual flat rate of \$18 for household residential use only, payable on or before May 1 of each year, and annual meter rates of \$18 for a 5/8-inch meter (with increasing charges for larger size meters), and monthly quantity rates as follows:

		<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
First	300 cu.ft., included in annual minimum charge	
Next	700 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.	\$ 0.35
Next	1,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.25
Over	2,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.15

The annual flat rate of Big Bear Pines is the same as the presently filed rate of Big Bear Woodlands. The metered rates of Big Bear Pines are slightly lower than those of Big Bear Woodlands.

Big Bear Pines furnishes public utility water service in Tracts Nos. 1754 and 1766 located near Big Bear City and Baldwin Lake, San Bernardino County. It was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate in such area by Decision No. 40730, dated September 23, 1947, in Application No. 28639. Its service area is in the immediate vicinity of the service area of Big Bear Woodlands.

The instant application of Big Bear Pines, as amended, was joined in by both the seller and the purchaser of the properties proposed to be transferred, and Big Bear Woodlands seeks authority to discontinue its water service and to be released of any obligation to supply water as a public utility. The amended application alleges that there are no consumers' advances for construction and there are no consumers' deposits for water service.

The Commission has considered the amended application for transfer of the public utility water system properties and is of the opinion that the granting of the application is not adverse to the public interest and that a public hearing is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- (1) That Big Bear Pines Water Company be and it is authorized to purchase, and Big Bear Woodlands & Lakewood Water Company be and it is authorized to sell, those certain public utility water system properties outlined in the opinion hereinbefore under the terms and conditions also as outlined herein.
- (2) That Big Bear Pines Water Company be and it is authorized to apply its presently filed flat and metered rates for water service to the area served by the water system properties authorized to be transferred.
- (3) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 40675 to Big Bear Woodlands & Lakewood Water Company to serve water as a public utility be and it is transferred to Big Bear Pines Water Company.
- (4) That Big Bear Woodlands & Lakewood Water Company be and it is authorized to discontinue its water service and is released of any obligation to supply water as a public utility when the transfer of properties authorized herein has been effected and when water service to Big Bear Woodlands Tract and Lakewood Tract by Big Bear Pines Water Company has been commenced.
- (5) That Big Bear Pines Water Company, within thirty days after the transfer of property has been effected, shall notify the Commission in writing of such fact.
- (6) That nothing in this order shall be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties authorized to be transferred.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of September, 1953.

[Signature]
President

Justus J. Cramer

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Commissioners