Decision No. 49561

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of LOUIS L. FERGUSON and MAE FERGUSON, his wife, to sell, and BORON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, to buy the complete water system of the public utility known as HOMELAND WATER COMPANY, of Boron, Kern County, California.

Application No. 35011

## OPINION AND ORDER

In this application, filed on December 31, 1953, Louis

L. Ferguson and Mae Ferguson seek authorization to sell the

Homeland Water Company to Boron Community Services District, a

political subdivision of the State of California, located at Boron,

Kern County. The district joins in the application.

The water system serves approximately 80 customers. In 2. 1952 the reported revenues were \$2,530 and the cost, after deducting accrued depreciation, was stated at \$6,188. From the present application it appears that the present owners have agreed to sell their water properties for the sum of \$6,780 to the district, which was organized in the early part of 1953 for the purpose of taking over the water operations and of giving service to the inhabitants of Boron. According to the application, the district is now in a position to take over the business and to continue with its operations.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that the proposed sale will not be adverse to the public interest, that a public hearing is not necessary and that the

application should be granted, as herein provided; therefore,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Louis L. Ferguson and Mae Ferguson, doing business as Homeland Water Company, may on and after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1954, sell and transfer their public utility water system referred to in this application to the Boron Community Services District, pursuant to the terms set forth in this application.
- 2. On or before the actual date of transfer, Louis L. Ferguson and Mae Ferguson shall refund all consumer deposits, if any, to consumers entitled thereto, and within 30 days thereafter shall notify this Commission in writing of the completion of such refunding.
- 3. If the authority granted is exercised, Louis L. Ferguson and Mae Ferguson, within 30 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 Louis L. Ferguson and Mae Ferguson, doing business as Homeland Water Company, 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.
- 5. The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred.

6. The authority herein granted will become effective 20 days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18 day of January, 1954.