

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 49838

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of GARNET W. McBRIDE, )  
 an individual, for an order )  
 authorizing him to acquire in his )  
 own name, doing business as )  
 PALO VERDE GAS CO., the interest )  
 G. L. McBRIDE formerly held in )  
 the PALO VERDE GAS CO., a co- )  
 partnership. )

Application No. 35247

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Garnet W. McBride, an individual, requests this Commission to authorize the acquisition in his own name, doing business as Palo Verde Gas Company, of the interest formerly held by G. L. McBride in the co-partnership of G. L. McBride and G. W. McBride, doing business as Palo Verde Gas Company.

By Decision No. 44048, dated April 18, 1950, in Application No. 30787 this Commission granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to G. L. McBride and G. W. McBride, co-partners doing business as Palo Verde Gas Company, a gas corporation, to operate a public utility gas system for the distribution and sale of liquefied petroleum gas in and about the unincorporated community of Palo Verde, Imperial County, California.

The present application shows that G. L. McBride passed away in November, 1951, and that by order of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Riverside, in Case No. 14321, dated April 3, 1953, all right and title to said G. L. McBride's interest in the Palo Verde Gas Company was vested in his son, Garnet W. McBride. Applicant, Garnet W. McBride, and G. W. McBride, the surviving member of the co-partnership, are one and the same.

The Commission from its official files takes notice of the fact that Garnet W. McBride has for some time been in active control and management of the affairs of Palo Verde Gas Company. It appears, and we hereby find therefore, that authorization of this transfer will not adversely affect the public interest.

The balance sheet attached to the application as Exhibit "A", shows the assets of the Palo Verde Gas Company as of December 31, 1953, to be \$20,394.33; liabilities to be \$542.70; and the net worth, therefore, \$19,851.63.

No consideration is involved in this transaction, the interest involved herein having been acquired by inheritance.

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

The Commission having considered the request of applicant and being of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted, and good cause appearing that such authorization should take effect immediately,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Garnet W. McBride, an individual, may on or after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1954, acquire the interest formerly held by G. L. McBride in all assets and liabilities, including certificates of public convenience and necessity heretofore granted by this Commission, appertaining to the public utility business heretofore conducted by G. L. McBride and G. W. McBride, as co-partners, doing business as Palo Verde Gas Company, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall within thirty days after its occurrence, notify this Commission in writing of the completion of the transfer herein authorized.

- 2. Applicant shall within thirty days after completion of the transfer, file with this Commission in quadruplicate and in accordance with General Order No. 96, a revised title page for the tariff schedules of Palo Verde Gas Company acceptable to the Commission, which page shall reflect the change in ownership herein authorized.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1954.

A. Z. Zimmerman  
President

Justin J. C. ...

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Commissioners