

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 4996S

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of LORRAINE DUNCAN,)	
Executrix of the Estate of R. H.	:	
Strosnider, Deceased, doing)	
business as Tahoe Cedars Water	:	
Company, and William G. Haste and)	Application
Fannie Haste, to transfer the physical	:	No. 35341
assets of said company and the)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and	:	
Necessity to William G. Haste and)	
Fannie Haste.	:	
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Q P I N I O N

This is an application for an order of the Commission authorizing the transfer of the water system known as the Tahoe Cedars Water Company to William G. Haste and Fannie Haste.

The water system formerly was owned by R. H. Strosnider, now deceased. The application shows that Lorraine Duncan, the executrix of his estate, in order to settle the affairs of the estate, made application to the Superior Court in and for the County of Los Angeles for approval of the sale of the water system and certain surrounding real estate to William G. Haste and Fannie Haste, and on October 1, 1953, received an order from the court confirming the sale. The agreed purchase price was the sum of \$15,075, payable \$1,507.50 in cash with the balance of \$13,567.50 being represented by a promissory note secured by a deed of trust on the real property and a chattel mortgage on the personal property, said note bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum and being payable, principal and interest, in monthly installments of \$65 or more up to and including May 1, 1954, and thereafter in monthly installments of \$125 or more.

The properties included in the conveyance to William G. Haste and Fannie Haste consist of a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to R. H. Strosnider by Decision No. 33334, dated July 16, 1940, and water works facilities supplying approximately 90 active service connections in Tahoe Cedars Tract during the summer months, together with certain nonoperative real estate. The agreed price for the entire property, including both the water system and the real property, represents 90% of the appraised value, the water works facilities being appraised at the sum of \$7,000.

From a review of this application it appears that the purchasers are property owners in Tahoe Cedars Tract and that they are in a position to finance the purchase of the system and to continue the operations. In our opinion the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest and should be authorized.

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

O R D E R

The Commission having considered the above entitled matter and being of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary, that the application should be granted, as herein provided, that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the note herein authorized is reasonably required by William G. Haste and Fannie Haste for the purpose specified herein, and that such purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Lorraine Duncan, Executrix of the Estate of R. H. Strosnider, Deceased, may transfer to William G. Haste and Fannie Haste the certificate of public convenience and necessity and the properties comprising the Tahoe Cedars Water Company, under the terms and conditions set forth in this application.

2. William G. Haste and Fannie Haste, in part payment for said water system and other properties, may execute a deed of trust and a chattel mortgage and may issue a note in the principal amount of not exceeding \$13,567.50, as indicated in the preceding opinion.

3. On or before the date of actual transfer, Lorraine Duncan, Executrix of the Estate of R. H. Strosnider, Deceased, shall refund all deposits which customers are entitled to have refunded. Any unrefunded deposits shall be transferred to and become the obligation for refund of William G. Haste and Fannie Haste.

4. The rates, rules and regulations of Tahoe Cedars Water Company now on file with the Commission shall be refiled within 30 days after the date of transfer under the name of William G. Haste and Fannie Haste, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by General Order No. 96, or, in lieu of such refiling, William G. Haste and Fannie Haste may file a notice of adoption of said presently filed rates, rules and regulations. No increase in the present rates shall be made unless authorized by the Commission.

5. If the authority herein granted is exercised, Lorraine Duncan, Executrix of the Estate of R. H. Strosnider, Deceased, within 30 days thereafter, shall notify the Commission in writing of the

date of the completion of the transfer herein authorized and of her compliance with the conditions hereof.

6. Within 60 days after the delivery of the note referred to in this order, William G. Haste and Fannie Haste shall file a copy of the same with the Commission.

7. The authority herein granted will become effective when William G. Haste and Fannie Haste have paid the minimum fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$25.00.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of April, 1954.

R. F. Anderson
President

Justice D. Coe

Harold P. Potter

John L. W. Nicholls

James Deagan
Commissioners

