

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 51148

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Carl H. Larson and )  
 Ethel C. Olson, individually and )  
 as the Executrix of the Last Will )  
 and Testament of Harold S. Olson, ) Application No. 36566  
 deceased, to transfer the Meadow )  
 Valley Water Works, a Public Utility )  
 Water System. )

OPINION AND ORDER

This is an application for an order of the Commission authorizing the transfer of the public utility water system now known as Meadow Valley Water Works and serving approximately 15 customers in a portion of Plumas County, said water system being an integral part of certain ranch holdings also being transferred.

The application filed December 16, 1954, shows that the real property on which the water supply and certain distribution facilities are located, together with the ranch properties, were until recently owned by Carl H. Larson, and Harold S. Olson and Ethel C. Olson, his wife, as partners, and that said Harold S. Olson died on June 6, 1954. Further, according to the application, Ethel C. Olson, as executrix of the last will and testament of her late husband Harold S. Olson, under an order of the Superior Court in and for the County of Plumas entered on September 3, 1954, sold the undivided one-half interest in the subject properties of said Ethel C. Olson and her late husband, Harold S. Olson, to Robert L. Forbes and Wilma M. Forbes, his wife, for the sum of \$18,000. Subsequently, by a deed dated October 1, 1954, said Carl H. Larson sold his undivided one-half interest in the subject properties to Robert L. Forbes and Wilma M. Forbes, his wife, for the sum of \$18,000. Thereafter, the application states, Wilma M. Forbes conveyed all of her interest in the subject

properties to Max Forbes. The total purchase price of \$36,000 for the public utility water system and the ranch properties, together with certain personal properties, is to be payable as follows: \$12,000 to be paid in cash, and the remainder by promissory note at 5% interest, said note being payable at not less than \$2,400 per year plus accrued interest. The promissory note is to be secured according to the application by a deed of trust on the said real and personal properties.

The reason given for the proposed transfer is that the surviving partners Ethel C. Olson and Carl H. Larson are physically unable to continue the operation of the properties. Presently Robert L. Forbes and Max Forbes are residing on the real property and are operating the ranch and water system. From a review of the application it appears that Robert L. Forbes and Max Forbes are financially and otherwise capable of continuing the water system operations.

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

The Commission having considered the above-entitled application and being of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary, finds that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest, and that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for through the execution of said agreement of sale is reasonably required by the purchasers, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The sale of the public utility water system now known as Meadow Valley Water Works by Ethel C. Olson, as executrix of the last will and testament of Harold S. Olson, and by Ethel C. Olson and Carl H. Larson to Robert L. Forbes and Wilma M. Forbes, the sale of the latter's interest to Max Forbes, and the encumbrance of the water system under the deed of trust, as referred to in this proceeding, and the issuance of the note referred to in this opinion and order hereby are authorized.

- 2. The rates and rules of Meadow Valley Water Works now on file with the Commission under the name of Meadow Valley Guest Ranch shall be refiled within 30 days after the date of transfer under the name of Robert L. Forbes and Max Forbes, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by General Order No. 96, or, in lieu of such refiling, Robert L. Forbes and Max Forbes may file a notice of adoption of said presently filed rates and rules. No increase in the present rates shall be made unless authorized by the Commission.
- 3. That upon due compliance with all the conditions of this order, said Carl H. Larson and Ethel C. Olson, the latter both individually and as the executrix of the last will and testament of Harold S. Olson, deceased; shall stand relieved of all further public utility obligations in connection with the operation of the public utility water system herein authorized to be transferred.
- 4. The authority herein granted will become effective when Robert L. Forbes and Max Forbes have paid the minimum fee prescribed by Section 1904 (b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$25.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of 1 MARCH, 1955.

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President  
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Commissioners

