

Decision No. 52744

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, a corporation, and HAWKINS INVESTMENT CO., a corporation, for an Order Authorizing the Sale and Purchase of Food Warehouseman and Public Cold Storage Properties, Business and Operations in Coachella, Riverside County, California.

Application
No. 37766

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application California Electric Power Company, a corporation, seeks authorization to sell public utility cold storage facilities to Hawkins Investment Co., a corporation.

California Electric Power Company is, and for many years has been, engaged in the business of manufacturing, storing, selling and distributing ice for domestic, precooling, and refrigeration purposes and of providing service as a food warehouseman and public utility for the cold storage and handling of dates in the City of Coachella. The facilities utilized in the public utility cold storage operations consist of one insulated refrigerated storage room 65'x36'6" in size, together with piping, coils, bunkers, fans, brine pumps, and other apparatus. In 1955 service was given to only 20 customers and the revenues amounted to only \$1,704.

According to the application California Electric Power Company desires to discontinue its ice and cold storage operations at Coachella and accordingly has made arrangements to sell its plant and equipment to Hawkins Investment Co., a corporation, for the sum of \$60,000 payable in full at the close of escrow.

It appears that Hawkins Investment Co. is a California corporation which was organized in 1952 and which is engaged in the business of acquiring, owning, holding, leasing, and selling real and personal properties. It now desires to enter into the active management and operation of business properties and intends to continue the cold storage operations now conducted by California Electric Power Company and to adopt and make its own all of the presently effective cold storage tariffs, rules and regulations.

Under the circumstances set forth in this proceeding, it appears to us, and we so find, that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest. In our opinion a public hearing is not necessary and an order should be entered granting the application, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. California Electric Power Company may sell, transfer and convey to Hawkins Investment Co., a corporation, the public utility properties referred to in this application, said sale, transfer and conveyance to be made in accordance with the agreement filed in this proceeding as Exhibit D.

2. California Electric Power Company will stand relieved of its public utility cold storage operations at Coachella upon acquisition of its public utility cold storage facilities at that point by Hawkins Investment Co.

3. On not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicants shall supplement or reissue the tariffs now on file with the Commission, insofar as they name rates, rules and regulations governing warehouse operations at Coachella of

California Electric Power Company, a corporation, to show that said corporation has withdrawn or canceled and that Hawkins Investment Co., a corporation, concurrently has adopted or established as its own said rates, rules and regulations. The tariff filings made pursuant to this order in all respects shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of warehouse tariffs set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 61.

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

5. This order will become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of March, 1956.

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Commissioners