

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 54800

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of

IDEAL PETROLEUM COMPANY and  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY

for an order or orders (a)  
authorizing the sale and transfer  
to Southern California Water  
Company the properties constitut-  
ing the water system of Ideal  
Petroleum Company in and adjacent  
to Tract No. 1098 in Orange County;  
and (b) authorizing Southern  
California Water Company to  
purchase said properties.

Application No. 38876

OPINION AND ORDER

Ideal Petroleum Company, a corporation, owns a small public utility water system serving approximately 73 consumers in and adjacent to Tract No. 1098 in Orange County, which it operates under a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Commission by Decision No. 46890, dated March 23, 1952. In this application it reports that it has made arrangements to sell the water system to Southern California Water Company for the basic price of \$12,000 and it seeks the Commission's approval of the transaction.

From a review of the information before us, it appears that the water system is located in territory entirely surrounded by certificated areas of Southern California Water Company. Southern California Water Company will be authorized and directed to refile, as a part of its presently filed consolidated tariff

schedules, the rates now on file for Ideal Petroleum Company, and to apply in the service area being acquired herein the former's presently filed utility-wide rules and rate schedules applicable to construction and other temporary flat rate service, and service to company employees. Any increase in charges which may result from the application of the rules and above-mentioned rate schedules of Southern California Water Company in the area hereinafter authorized to be transferred and served by it are hereby found to be justified.

Under the circumstances, we are of the opinion and so find, that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest and should be approved by an ex parte order in this proceeding; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Ideal Petroleum Company may sell and transfer to Southern California Water Company and Southern California Water Company may purchase and acquire the public utility water system referred to in this application at the price and subject to the provisions contained in the agreement between the two parties, which is filed as Exhibit A in this proceeding.

2. On or before the date of actual transfer Ideal Petroleum Company shall refund all deposits and advances for construction which are subject to refund. Any unrefunded deposits and advances for construction shall be transferred to and shall become the obligation for refund of Southern California Water Company.

3. If the authority herein granted is exercised, Ideal Petroleum Company, within 30 days thereafter, shall notify the Commission in writing of the date of completion of the transfer and of its compliance with the conditions of this order.

4. Southern California Water Company, on and after the date of actual transfer, is authorized and directed to charge in the service area acquired under the authorization herein granted the rates presently on file by Ideal Petroleum Company for that area and to apply in said service area its own presently filed rates and its rate schedules applicable to construction and other flat rate service and service to company employees, said rules and rate schedules now being on file with the Commission throughout its entire system.

5. Southern California Water Company, if it acquires the properties referred to in this proceeding, within 30 days thereafter, shall file the rates of Ideal Petroleum Company under its own name and shall revise its presently effective tariff schedules to provide for the application of its rules and the rates authorized hereinabove in the service area being acquired herein, together with a revised service area map, all in accordance with the procedure prescribed in General Order No. 96. Such tariff sheets shall become effective upon five days' notice to the Commission and to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.

6. Upon compliance with all conditions of this order, Ideal Petroleum Company shall stand relieved of all further public utility operations in connection with the operations of the public utility water system herein authorized to be transferred.

7. The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred nor as indicative of amounts to be included in a future rate base for the purpose of determining just and reasonable rates.

8. The authority herein granted will become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of April, 1957.

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 President

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 Commissioners