

Decision No. 57764**ORIGINAL**

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

In the matter of the application of )  
 ELSIE WATSON, doing business as Burl )  
 Watson Domestic Water Company, for )  
 an ex parte order approving transfer )  
 of certificate. )

Application No. 40507  
 (Amended)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application filed by Elsie Watson on October 14, 1958, as amended November 20, 1958, authorization is sought for the transfer of the water system properties of Burl Watson, deceased, doing business as Burl Watson Domestic Water Company, to Elsie Watson, widow of decedent. The transfer is proposed to be carried out in accordance with the terms of an instrument entitled "Order Settling Final Account and for Distribution under Will" and rendered in a probate proceeding on July 7, 1948, in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles. A conformed copy of the court order is attached to the amendment to the application. The court order includes a statement to the effect that the property of the estate of Burl Watson, which includes the water system, is community property.

The subject water system serves an area in and near the City of Baldwin Park, Los Angeles County. Commission records show that, as of the end of 1957, the utility served approximately 570 customers. The utility's annual report to the Commission for the year ended December 31, 1957 shows utility plant of \$74,320.97 and a depreciation reserve of \$21,773.93, indicating a net utility plant of \$52,547.04.

The system was established pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to Burl Watson by Decision No. 38460, dated December 10, 1945, in Application No. 26632. The application states that Elsie Watson has operated the system since it was distributed to her in 1948.<sup>1/</sup> Through inadvertence, however,

<sup>1/</sup> See Decision No. 45182, dated December 19, 1950, in Application No. 31080, and Decision No. 50784, dated November 23, 1954, in Application No. 35130.

authorization has not heretofore been sought from this Commission for the transfer of the subject public utility water system properties. All tariff schedules presently in effect for this utility are under the name of Elsie Watson, and certain of the tariff sheets of this utility have been on file under her name since as early as February 1, 1951.

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

The Commission having considered the above-entitled application and being of the opinion that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest, that a public hearing is not necessary, and that the application as amended should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the transfer of the public utility water system known as Burl Watson Domestic Water Company to Elsie Watson under the terms of the instrument entitled "Order Settling Final Account and for Distribution under Will," dated July 7, 1948, a copy of which is attached to the amendment to the application, is hereby authorized.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of October, 1958.

E. J. Fox  
President

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Commissioners