

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 63020

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of MAUDE B. BRINING
to transfer a water system in
Grenada, Siskiyou County,
California, to LOYAL W. WESTERMAN
and NINA WESTERMAN.

Application No. 43975

OPINION AND ORDER

Maude B. Brining requests authority to sell and transfer and Loyal W. Westerman and Nina Westerman request authority to purchase and acquire a water system in Grenada, Siskiyou County.

The system consists of certain parcels of land, a pumping plant, pipeline right of way, and all pipes and other facilities used in connection with furnishing domestic water service in the unincorporated community of Grenada. Applicant Seller was authorized to acquire the system by Decision No. 59541 dated January 26, 1960, for a consideration of \$2,260. Since that time applicant Seller has allegedly added improvements to the system. According to a copy of the sales agreement attached to the application, the parties have agreed to a cash consideration in the amount of \$3,800. As of November 27, 1961, applicant Buyers indicated a net worth in the amount of \$13,887.28.

It is alleged that because of her age and physical condition applicant Seller is no longer able to operate the water system and therefore desires to sell to applicant Buyers.

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

After consideration the Commission finds and concludes that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest, that a public hearing is not necessary, and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Maude B. Brining, doing business as Grenada Water Company, may, on or after the effective date hereof, and on or before April 1, 1962, sell and transfer, and Loyal W. Westerman and Nina Westerman may purchase and acquire the public utility water system properties described in the copy of a deed attached to the application in accordance with the terms of sale set forth in the application.

2. On or before the date of actual transfer Maude B. Brining shall refund all deposits and all advances for construction, if any, which customers are entitled to have refunded. Any unrefunded deposits and advances shall be transferred to and become the responsibility for refund of Loyal W. Westerman and Nina Westerman.

3. On or before the actual transfer of the physical properties herein authorized, Maude B. Brining shall transfer and deliver to Loyal W. Westerman and Nina Westerman, and the latter shall receive and preserve, all records, memoranda, and papers pertaining to the construction and operation of the properties herein authorized to be transferred.

4. If the authority herein granted is exercised, Loyal W. Westerman and Nina Westerman shall, within thirty days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing of the date of such completion of transfer to them under the conditions hereof.

5. Loyal W. Westerman and Nina Westerman shall refile with this Commission within thirty days after the date of transfer, the rates and rules of Maude B. Brining presently on file, in accordance with procedure prescribed in General Order No. 96; or in lieu of such refiling shall file a notice of adoption of said presently filed rates. No increases in the present lawfully filed rates shall be made unless otherwise properly authorized by the Commission.

6. Loyal W. Westerman and Nina Westerman shall file in quadruplicate with this Commission within thirty days after the date of actual transfer, in conformity with the provisions of General Order No. 96 and in a manner acceptable to this Commission, a tariff service area map; rules governing customer relations, revised to reflect present-day operating practices; and sample copies of printed forms that are normally used in connection with customers' services. Such tariff service area map, rules and forms shall become effective upon five days' notice to the Commission and to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.

7. If the authority herein granted is exercised, Loyal W. Westerman and Nina Westerman shall determine the accruals for depreciation by dividing the original cost of utility plant, less estimated future net salvage less depreciation reserve, by the estimated remaining life of the plant. Applicant shall review the accruals as of January 1 of the year following the date of actual transfer and thereafter when major changes in depreciable utility plant composition occur and at intervals of not more than five years. Results of these reviews shall be submitted to this Commission.

8. Upon due compliance with all of the conditions of this order, Maude B. Brining shall stand relieved of all further public

utility obligations and liabilities in connection with the operations of the public utility water system herein authorized to be transferred.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of JANUARY, 1962.

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Commissioners