

ORIGINALDecision No. 66017

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint
 Application of SILVER SPUR RANCH
 WATER CO., a corporation, and
 COACHELLA VALLEY COUNTY WATER
 DISTRICT for authority to transfer
 assets; for an order terminating a
 certificate of public convenience
 and necessity; and for an order
 terminating public utility service
 responsibility.

Application No. 45657
 (Filed August 7, 1963)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Silver Spur Ranch Water Co., a corporation (seller), seeks authority to transfer all of its utility properties to Coachella Valley County Water District (purchaser).

Seller serves an area in Riverside County, within and adjacent to the residential community known as Silver Spur Ranch. This area is entirely within the boundaries of purchaser, which district will be ready, willing and able to serve water therein upon acquisition of seller's utility properties.

On June 18, 1963, seller and purchaser entered into a purchase agreement. A copy of the agreement, attached to the application, shows that the purchase price of \$167,000 plus the cost of capital improvements made after December 31, 1962, will be paid in ten equal annual installments, without interest. As additional compensation, purchaser will assume the long-term refund obligation of some \$9,700 which results from a main extension agreement between seller and a Mr. Lou Dubin. The balance of

about \$56,100 in unrefunded construction advances relates to main extension agreements between seller and its parent corporation, Silver Spur Properties, which agreements will be terminated upon transfer of the utility properties.

Seller's June 30, 1963 balance sheet attached to the application shows utility plant in the amount of \$214,464 and a depreciation reserve of \$18,499. It shows that there were no contributions in aid of construction and that the unrefunded advances for construction consisted solely of the approximately \$65,800 heretofore discussed.

The Commission finds that the proposed transfer is not adverse to the public interest and concludes that it should be authorized without delay. The action taken herein, however, does not constitute a finding of the value of the properties authorized to be transferred. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or after the effective date hereof, Silver Spur Ranch Water Co., seller, may transfer and sell to Coachella Valley County Water District, purchaser, its public utility water system in and adjacent to the community of Silver Spur Ranch, Riverside County, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement, Exhibit "B" attached to the application herein.

2. On or before the date of actual transfer, seller shall refund all customers' deposits for the establishment of credit which are subject to refund and shall refund all advances for construction other than the approximately \$9,700 payable to a Mr. Lou Dubin and the approximately \$56,100 payable to Silver Spur Properties.

3. Within ten days after the date of actual transfer, ✓
seller shall submit written notification to this Commission of
the refunding of deposits and advances required herein, the date
of transfer, and the date upon which purchaser shall have assumed
operation of the water system herein authorized to be transferred.
A true copy of the instrument or instruments of transfer shall be
attached to the written notification.

4. Upon compliance with the above conditions of this order,
seller shall stand relieved of its public utility obligations in
the area served by the transferred system, and may discontinue
service concurrently with the commencement of service by buyer.

The effective date of this order shall be the date
hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this
17th day of September, 1963.

William J. Burns
President
George G. Grover
Frederick B. Holtsch
Commissioners