

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 70052

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of FRED H. WALKER and ANNA L. WALKER dba MEADOWBROOK WATER COMPANY for authority to sell and FRED H. WALKER, JR., DORIS R. WALKER, DUARD L. WALKER and DOROTHEA V. WALKER to purchase the MEADOWBROOK WATER COMPANY and the certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Application No. 47906  
(Filed September 21, 1965)

O P I N I O N

Fred H. Walker and Anna L. Walker, doing business as Meadowbrook Water Company, presently operate a public utility water system in Merced County under appropriate operating authority from this Commission. They seek herein authority to transfer the system to Fred H. Walker, Jr., Doris R. Walker, Duard L. Walker and Dorothea V. Walker.

The verified application avers that Fred H. Walker and Anna L. Walker desire to retire from active business; that they propose to transfer the system to the indicated transferees in consideration of the sum of \$75,000 which has already been paid by way of life gifts plus annual gifts from the proposed transferees to the proposed transferors and that the proposed transferees agree to adopt the present rates and rules for the water system here involved. The record indicates that the company has no refundable customer deposits or advances for construction. The application and 1964 Annual Report filed by Meadowbrook Water Company indicate that, as of December 31, 1964, the total utility

plant was recorded at \$74,432 and the reserve for depreciation was \$10,616. It also appears that the proposed transferees have the ability to operate the system.

The Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

Findings of Fact

1. A public hearing is not necessary in this matter.
2. The proposed transfer of the public utility water system originally certificated in Decision No. 54275 in Application No. 38374, from Fred H. Walker and Anna L. Walker to Fred H. Walker, Jr., Doris R. Walker, Duard L. Walker and Dorothea V. Walker is not adverse to the public interest.

Conclusion of Law

Fred H. Walker and Anna L. Walker should be authorized to transfer the public utility water system in Merced County originally certificated in Decision No. 54275 (Application No. 38374) and presently owned by said Fred H. Walker and Anna L. Walker to Fred H. Walker, Jr., Doris R. Walker, Duard L. Walker and Dorothea V. Walker.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order Fred H. Walker and Anna L. Walker may sell and transfer their public utility water system to Fred H. Walker, Jr., Doris R. Walker, Duard L. Walker and Dorothea V. Walker. Within thirty days of the actual transfer, Fred H. Walker, Jr., Doris R. Walker, Duard L. Walker and Dorothea V. Walker shall notify this

Commission, in writing, of the date upon which the transfer was consummated.

2. Upon completion of the sale and transfer herein authorized, Fred H. Walker and Anna L. Walker shall stand relieved of their public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with the public utility water system herein authorized to be transferred.

3. Within thirty days after the date of actual transfer, Fred H. Walker, Jr., Doris R. Walker, Duard L. Walker and Dorothea V. Walker shall file with this Commission a notice of adoption of sellers' present tariff schedules.

4. Within one hundred and twenty days after completion of the sale and transfer herein authorized, Fred H. Walker, Jr., Doris R. Walker, Duard L. Walker and Dorothea V. Walker shall file with this Commission a current tariff service area map, appropriate general rules, and samples of printed forms that are normally used in connection with customers' services. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A. The effective date of the revised tariff sheets shall be four days after the date of filing.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of DECEMBER, 1965.

Friedrich B. Holbert  
President

Arthur E. Bayliss

George J. Hoover  
Secretary

William W. Bennett  
Commissioners