

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 70142

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Anderson Heights Water Company for approval of sale of public utility water system to the City of Anderson, California, a Municipal Corporation, which joins in said application.

Application No. 47954  
(Filed October 6, 1965)

O P I N I O N

Anderson Heights Water Company, a California corporation, (hereinafter referred to as Company) and the City of Anderson (hereinafter referred to as City) seek herein authority for Company to sell and transfer to City, Company's public utility water system, which City seeks to acquire.

The verified application avers that Company's public utility water system is entirely within the city limits of City; that Company's stockholders are engaged in occupations not related to it and are unable to devote sufficient time to its operations; that Company's shareholders desire to dissolve and liquidate the corporation; that City is presently engaged in the production and distribution of water within its limits; that City desires to acquire Company's system and interconnect it to City's system; that, in the future, City proposes to acquire and interconnect another public utility water system located within the city limits and that the acquisition of Company's system will be a step in City's plan to provide its citizens with a more uniform supply and distribution of water and to provide uniform water rates to all its inhabitants. The application also avers that City's rates are lower than those of Company.

Company and City have entered into an agreement, subject to the approval of this Commission, whereby City agreed to purchase Company's water system together with all franchises, permits and operating rights thereto for \$72,323.87. City has agreed to assume Company's liability under two main extension agreements, which does not exceed \$13,047.05. Company has agreed to refund customers' deposits, which are alleged not to exceed \$100. Company's balance sheet of December 31, 1964, attached to the application, indicates that the depreciated book value of its water system was \$95,320.29 on that date.

The Commission makes the following findings and conclusion.

Findings of Fact

1. A public hearing is not necessary in this matter.
2. The transfer of Company's public utility water system to City would not be adverse to the public interest.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted as hereinafter provided.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Within one year after the effective date of this order Anderson Heights Water Company, a California corporation, may sell and transfer its public utility water system to the City of Anderson in accordance with the "Water System Acquisition Agreement" executed by the parties on October 6, 1965, which is attached to the application as Exhibit A.
2. Within ten days after the actual transfer, Anderson Heights Water Company shall notify the Commission, in writing, of the date upon which the transfer was consummated.

3. On or before the actual date of transfer, Anderson Heights Water Company shall refund all customers' deposits held by it, and, within ten days thereafter, shall notify this Commission, in writing, that such refunds have been made.

4. Upon completion of the sale and transfer herein authorized and all the terms and conditions of this order, Anderson Heights Water Company shall stand relieved of its public utility obligations in connection with the utility 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1965.

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