

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 70781

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of EDWARD LEWIS and  
 NELLIE LEWIS to transfer public  
 utility water system known as  
 WEOTT WATER WORKS, Weott,  
 Humboldt County, California to  
 WEOTT COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT.

Application No. 48376  
 (Filed April 5, 1966)

O P I N I O N

Edward Lewis and Nellie Lewis, doing business as the "Weott Water Works", request authority to discontinue service as a public utility and to transfer their entire water system to the Weott Community Services District, a public agency.

The proposed consideration is \$13,500 which is to be secured by a promissory note payable as follows: monthly installments of \$125 with interest at the rate of 6-1/4 percent per annum on the unpaid balance. Applicants' Annual Report to the Commission for 1965 shows the investment in utility plant, less reserve for depreciation, as of December 31, 1965, to be \$18,837.87.

Applicants' 1965 Annual Report also discloses no remaining liability for either customers' deposits or advances for construction at December 31, 1965.

It is alleged that the present owners reside in Ferndale and it is inconvenient for them to service and maintain the system. It is further alleged that a publicly owned water system will be able to furnish a better service and will be entitled to certain public assistance, which is not available to a privately owned water system.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. ✓

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before January 15, 1967, Edward Lewis and Nellie Lewis may sell and transfer their public utility water system located in Weott, California, to Weott Community Services District.

2. The foregoing authority is conditioned upon the filing with the Commission of a stipulation by Weott Community Services District that:

(a) District will be subject to all legal claims for water service which might have been enforced against Edward and Nellie Lewis, including such claims as may exist in territory outside of the boundaries of District.

(b) As to the rates, rules and conditions of service which District will apply in the service area of the system herein authorized to be transferred, it will not discriminate between service rendered outside of the District boundaries and service rendered inside said boundaries, except insofar as it may adjust such outside rates and charges to offset any reasonable tax burden sustained by water users within the District in subsidizing the operation of the District's water system.

3. On or before the date of actual transfer, Edward Lewis and Nellie Lewis shall refund all customers' deposits held by them, and, within ten days thereafter, shall notify this Commission, in writing, that such refunds have been made. ✓

4. Within ten days after the consummation of the transfer herein authorized, Edward Lewis and Nellie Lewis shall file with the Commission a copy of any instrument effecting the transfer herein authorized. ✓

5. Within ten days after the consummation of the transfer applicants shall file a cancellation of their tariff presently on file with this Commission. ✓

6. Upon completion of the sale and transfer herein authorized and all the terms and conditions of this order, Edward Lewis and Nellie Lewis may discontinue their public utility water service at Weott, California. ✓

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of JUNE, 1966.

Friedrich G. Holdoff  
President

George T. Grover

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Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.