

ORIGINALDecision No. 71347

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of FRED W. LINKS,
 JOSEPH N. BORROUGHS, JR., WILLIAM F.
 SHARON and CAROL B. SHARON, co-partners
 doing business as LINKFORD WATER COMPANY,
 to sell, and GARNET C. HAMILTON and
 FRED W. LINKS to purchase the utility.

Application No. 43696
 (Filed August 9, 1966)

OPINION

This is an application whereby three of the four partners doing business as Linkford Water Company, a public utility, seek authority to sell their partnership interest to Garnet C. Hamilton, who proposes to continue the utility's operations with the remaining partner.

The verified application indicates that the Linkford Water Company furnishes water to approximately ten customers on twelve acres of land in Placer County, near the Carnelian Bay Post Office and that the utility operates by pumping water from Lake Tahoe, by means of a one-horsepower pump, to a 2,000 gallon storage tank from which it is distributed to its customers through approximately 2,000 feet of two-inch pipe. The application also avers that Joseph N. Borrourgs, Jr., William F. Sharon and Carol B. Sharon, three of the partners doing business as Linkford Water Company, are selling their property in the Lake Tahoe area; that Garnet C. Hamilton has agreed to purchase their interest in the utility for \$350 and that Garnet C. Hamilton and the remaining partner, Fred W. Links, have agreed to continue operating the utility under the tariffs presently on file with the Commission.

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 partnership interest in the Linkford Water Company from Joseph N. Borroughs, Jr., William F. Sharon and Carol B. Sharon to Garnet C. Hamilton would not be adverse to the public interest.

Conclusion of Law

The proposed transfer of partnership interest in the Linkford Water Company should be authorized as hereinafter provided.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Within one hundred and twenty days after the effective date of this order, Joseph N. Borroughs, Jr., William F. Sharon and Carol B. Sharon may sell and transfer their partnership interest in a public utility water system, doing business under the name of Linkford Water Company, to Garnet C. Hamilton.
2. Within thirty days of the actual transfer of said partnership interest, Garnet C. Hamilton shall notify this Commission, in writing, of the date upon which the transfer was consummated.
3. Within thirty days of the actual transfer of said partnership interest, Garnet C. Hamilton and Fred W. Links shall file with this Commission a notice that they have adopted the present tariff schedules of Linkford Water Company.

4. Garnet C. Hamilton and Fred W. Links initially shall determine the depreciation rate by (1) subtracting the estimated future net salvage and the depreciation reserve from the original cost of plant; (2) dividing the result by the estimated remaining life of the plant; and (3) dividing the quotient by the original cost of plant. They shall review the accruals as of January 1 of the year following the date of transfer, at subsequent intervals of five years and whenever a major change in depreciable plant occurs. The results of each review shall be submitted promptly to the Commission.

5. Upon completion of the sale and transfer herein authorized Joseph N. Borroughs, Jr., William F. Sharon and Carol B. Sharon shall stand relieved of their public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with Linkford Water Company and Garnet C. Hamilton shall assume them.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12 day of OCTOBER, 1966.

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Commissioners