

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72337

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application)
of the Southern California Water)
Company for an order authorizing)
sale and conveyance of certain)
water system properties to the)
City of Inglewood.)

Application No. 49152
(Filed February 15, 1967)

O P I N I O N

Southern California Water Company requests authority to sell and transfer to the City of Inglewood certain public utility water properties.

Applicant seller is a California corporation and a public utility and as such engages principally in the business of producing, distributing and selling water in certain areas in the Counties of Los Angeles, Kern, Orange, San Bernardino, Ventura, Imperial, Contra Costa and Sacramento, and also engages as a public utility in distributing and supplying electricity at Bear Valley in San Bernardino County. The system, which is the subject of the sale herein considered, has 32 3/4-inch water service lines, 36 1-inch water service lines, two 1 1/2-inch water service lines, and five 2-inch water service lines, serving approximately 75 customers in isolated portions of the City of Inglewood, and is operating completely segregated from, and in all respects physically and geographically unconnected with, all other water systems operated by applicant seller.

The buyer is a political subdivision of the State of California and has entered into an agreement, dated October 17, 1966, to acquire the water services, with the exception of the water meters, for a consideration of \$12,300. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application. The book cost to the applicant of the properties to be sold is alleged to be \$10,852.

Applicant alleges that the general purpose of the transaction between applicant and the City of Inglewood is that of consolidation of service areas and simplification of water system operations and service, and to include in the City portions which are completely surrounded by City annexations and have become uneconomical for applicant to operate.

Applicant alleges that the water system properties lie entirely within the boundaries of the City of Inglewood. The properties are not connected to the balance of the applicant's Southwest District system. All of the water distributed through these properties comes from the City of Inglewood through three two-inch meters and, as a result, applicant does not render fire service from this system. The applicant alleges that the proposed sale and transfer serves the best interests of all interested parties in that it will consolidate presently separate service areas and will simplify water system operation and service in the area. A plat of the area showing the location of the properties is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.

The water rates, which will be charged by the City of Inglewood to the customers who will be served by it if the order sought herein is approved, are set forth in the Rules, Regulations and Rates of the City of Inglewood, No. 4532, dated February 7, 1961, No. 5098, dated June 25, 1963, and No. 5628, dated January 10, 1967.

Applicant alleges that the City Council of the City of Inglewood, at a council meeting held December 13, 1966, approved and authorized the purchase of these properties and approved the agreement dated October 17, 1966, between the applicant and the City of Inglewood. A certified copy of the relevant minutes is attached to the application and authorizes approval and execution of the agreement.

The only water service agencies having any interest in this proceeding are applicant and the City of Inglewood. No other water company is in a position to render water service to the properties which applicant proposes to sell to the City of Inglewood.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest and that public convenience and necessity no longer require applicant seller's public utility water service within the areas covered by this application. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date hereof and on or before May 1, 1968, Southern California Water Company may sell and transfer, and the City of Inglewood may purchase and acquire, the properties, except the water meters, described in Exhibit B attached to the application, and said agreement between applicant and the City of Inglewood, dated October 17, 1966, is hereby approved.

2. On or before the actual date of transfer applicant seller shall refund all customers' deposits and advances for construction, if any, which are subject to refund held by them. Within ten days thereafter it shall advise the Commission, in writing, that such refunds have been made.

3. Within thirty days after the consummation of the transfer herein authorized, applicant seller shall notify the Commission, in writing, of the date thereof.

4. Within thirty days after the date of actual transfer applicant seller shall amend its tariffs presently on file with this Commission reflecting the authority herein granted.

5. Upon compliance with the conditions of this order, Southern California Water Company shall stand relieved of all

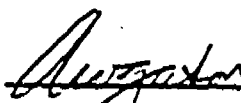
further public utility obligation in connection with the operations of the public utility water system herein authorized to be transferred.

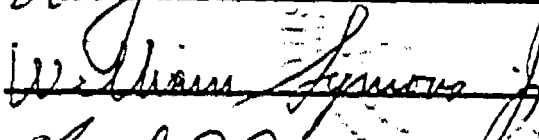
The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

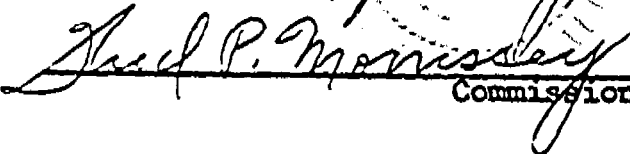
Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 25th day of APRIL, 1967.



President

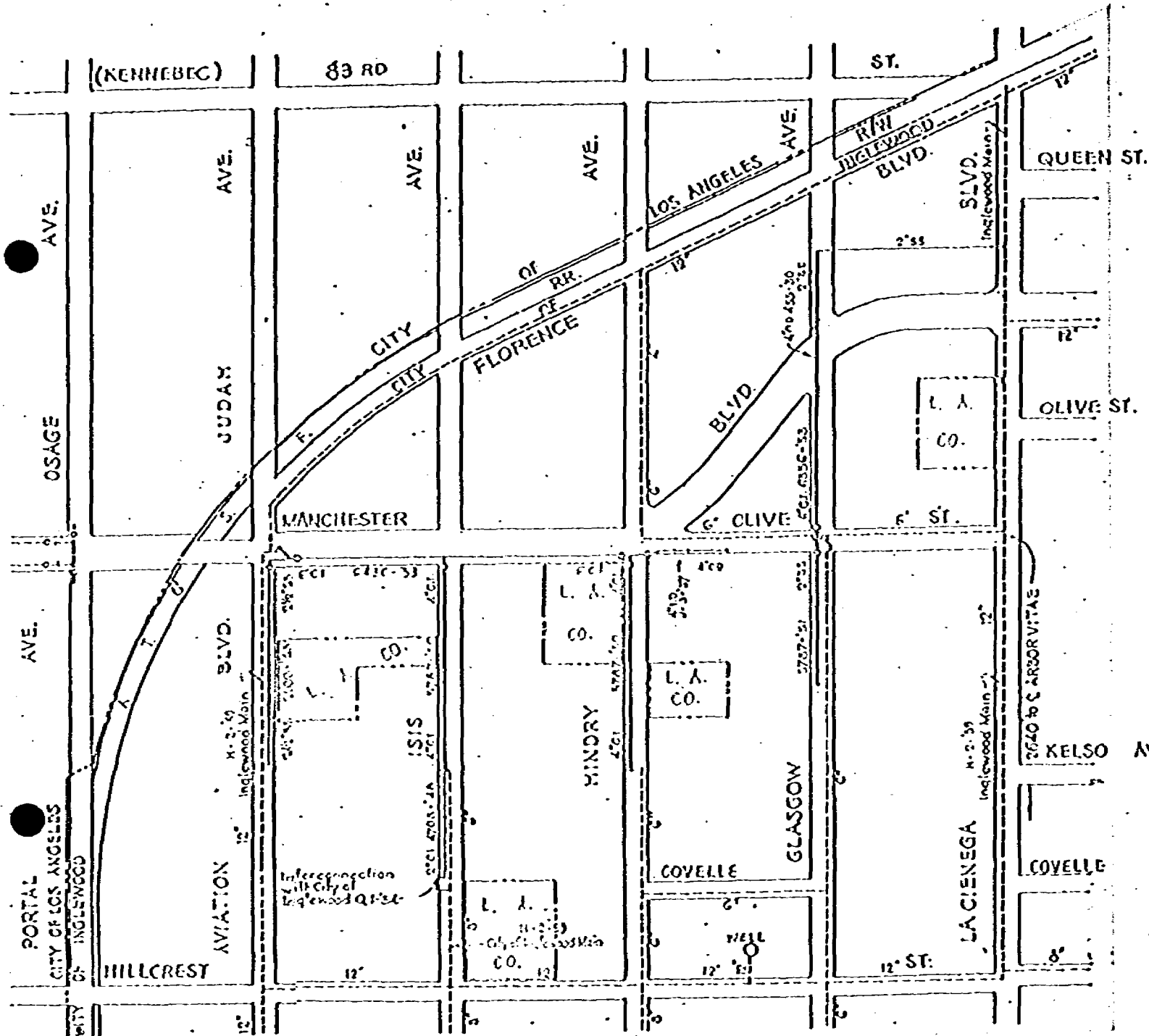






Commissioners

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



MAP
 SHOWING TERRITORY SERVED
 IN
 ISLAND AREA OF
 INGLEWOOD
 SCALE: 1" = 400'

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY

Legend

- Southern California Water Company Mains
- City of Inglewood Mains
- Present City of Inglewood Territory
- Present County of Los Angeles Territory