

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73247

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the joint application of
 MC KITTRICK WATER COMPANY and WEST KERN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT for an order approving and authorizing MC KITTRICK WATER COMPANY to transfer all of its property to WEST KERN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT in accordance with the agreement of transfer, and to discontinue its public utility service.

Application No. 49733
Filed October 16, 1967

O P I N I O N

McKittrick Water Company requests authorization from the Commission to transfer its public utility water distribution system to West Kern County Water District.

McKittrick Water Company is a California corporation operating a public utility water system in and about the unincorporated area of McKittrick, Kern County, which area is within the boundaries of West Kern County Water District. The company's balance sheet as of December 31, 1966, attached to the application as a part of Exhibit B, discloses assets totaling \$17,906.23 offset by accounts payable and customers' deposits in respective sums of \$946.08 and \$350.00 and by net worth amounting to \$16,610.15.

Subject to receiving authorization from this Commission, the water company proposes to transfer its system to the district pursuant to an agreement dated August 10, 1967, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit D. As partial consideration for the transfer, the district will assume payment of the liabilities and will undertake the obligation to serve the utility's customers. Said agreement includes provisions for refunding customers' deposits prior to the closing date and for the district to assume and perform obligations under main extension agreements.

According to the application, McKittrick Water Company invited all its 64 customers to a meeting concerning the proposed transfer. The company reports that 45 customers were represented at the meeting held on August 30, 1967, and that there was a unanimous vote in favor of the transfer.

Applicants assert that the water company's source of supply is inadequate and that the district is capable of furnishing a firm supply of better quality water.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds that the transfer of the public utility water system as proposed herein will not be adverse to the public interest. On the basis of this finding we conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or after the date hereof and on or before June 30, 1968, McKittrick Water Company may transfer its public utility water system to West Kern County Water District in accordance with, or in substantial accordance with, the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement to transfer, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit D.

2. Within ten days after the actual date of transfer, McKittrick Water Company shall file with the Commission written notification of the date of transfer.

3. Upon compliance with the conditions of this order, McKittrick Water Company shall stand relieved of its public utility obligations, and may discontinue service concurrently with the commencement of service by West Kern County Water District.

4. The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 24th day of OCTOBER, 1967.

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Commissioners