

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 75151

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY)
and CITY OF WESTMINSTER for an order)
authorizing the sale of certain)
properties of Southern California)
Water Company to the City of)
Westminster.)

Application No. 50703
(Filed November 25, 1968)

O P I N I O N

Southern California Water Company (Seller) seeks authority to sell and transfer certain of its public utility water system properties within the City of Westminster (City) to City, which joins in the application. The proposed arrangements for the sale and transfer are set forth in the instrument entitled "City of Westminster - Southern California Water Company Waterworks Acquisition Agreement 1968", a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit II.

The water system properties proposed to be sold consist largely of the Trask and La Pat systems, which are single well systems in which there are about 74 service connections. The proposed price is \$19,000 with \$6,333.34 due at the time of transfer and the balance in two equal annual installments due as set forth in Exhibit II.

The book cost, as well as the original cost, of the Trask and La Pat systems to the Seller is reported to be \$15,155.50.

Seller states that the water service to customers in the Trask and La Pat system areas, as delineated on the map attached to Exhibit II, would be greatly improved through interconnection of these systems to the City's water system which adjoins these areas and has numerous sources of supply and ample storage.

Seller's present rates for water service in the Trask and La Pat areas and the City's proposed rates are set forth in Exhibits V and IV, respectively, which are attached to the application. Although these rates differ in design, comparable billings result within the range of typical residential water consumptions.

Seller states that it does not have any obligations for Advances for Construction which are related to the property to be sold.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest and that upon consummation of the transfer public convenience and necessity will no longer require seller's public utility water service in the areas served by its Trask and La Pat systems. A public hearing is not necessary.

The action taken herein is not to be construed as a finding of the value of the properties to be transferred.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before July 1, 1969, Southern California Water Company may sell and transfer to the City of Westminster the public utility water system properties described in Exhibit II under the terms and conditions set forth in said exhibit.

2. Within ten days after the date of actual transfer, Southern California Water Company shall notify the Commission in writing of the transfer date and shall file a statement that all customers' deposits have been repaid to customers entitled thereto.

3. Within thirty days after the date of actual transfer, applicant shall file such revised tariff sheets as are needed to reflect the changes in its service area which result from the transfer. Such filing shall comply with General Order No. 96-A.

4. Upon compliance with the foregoing paragraphs of this order, Southern California Water Company shall stand relieved of all further public utility obligations pertaining to the operations of the public utility water system properties herein authorized to be transferred.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of DECEMBER, 1967.

William J. Synovis, Jr.
President

Stella B. Bennett

Fred P. Monessey
Commissioners