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Decision No. 78738

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THUNDERBIRD WATER COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to sell its assets to COACHELLA VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, a public agency, and for authority to cease operations as a public entity.

Application No. 52588
(Filed April 30, 1971)

O P I N I O N

Thunderbird Water Company, a corporation, presently operating a public utility water system in Riverside County, requests authority to sell its system to the Coachella Valley County Water District.

The water system is located in an area surrounding the golf course owned and operated by the Thunderbird Country Club near Palm Springs. The agreed consideration is \$350,000, which will be paid in 25 equal annual installments with interest at the rate of 6 1/2 percent on the unpaid balance.

The Coachella Valley County Water District is a county water district organized under the California County Water District Law, which owns and operates an extensive water system. The District will incorporate applicant's water system and operate it in conjunction with its own.

According to the terms of the agreement, the District will assume all of the obligations and liabilities of applicant under those refund agreements set forth in Exhibit C, attached to the application, as well as any other main extension agreements entered into subsequent to the date of the agreement.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest and, upon consummation of the transfer, that public convenience and necessity would no longer require applicant seller to serve within the area herein considered. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R


IT IS ORDERED that:

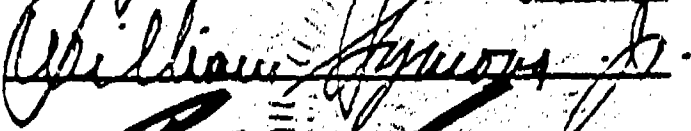
1. On or before December 1, 1971, Thunderbird Water Company may sell and transfer to the Coachella Valley County Water District the water system herein referred to according to the terms and conditions of the agreement attached to the application.
2. Within thirty days after the consummation of the transfer authorized by ordering paragraph 1 hereof, Thunderbird Water Company shall notify the Commission, in writing, of that fact and within said period shall file with the Commission a true copy of any bill of sale or other instrument of transfer which may be executed to effect said transfer.
3. On or before the date of actual transfer, seller shall return to customers any refundable deposits made to establish credit, if any.


4. Upon compliance with the conditions of this order, Thunderbird Water Company shall stand relieved of its public utility obligations and may discontinue service concurrently with the commencement of service by the Coachella Valley County Water District.


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

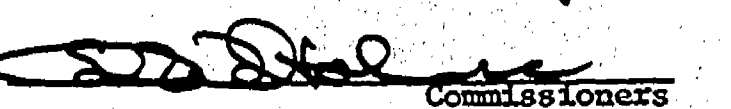
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of MAY, 1971.



Chairman







Commissioners