

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 80209

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint  
Application of RUBICON WATER  
COMPANY, a corporation, and the  
TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY  
DISTRICT, a body politic, for  
an Order Authorizing said  
corporation to sell to District  
the Water System owned and  
operated by said corporation.

Application No. 52947  
(Filed October 26, 1971)

Investigation on the Commission's  
own motion into the status, rates,  
rules, regulations, operations,  
service, facilities, equipment,  
contracts and practices of  
RUBICON WATER COMPANY, a  
California corporation.

Case No. 9358  
(Filed April 4, 1972)

O P I N I O N

In Application No. 52947, Rubicon Water Company requests an order of the Commission authorizing it to transfer all of its water system to Tahoe City Public Utility District.

Rubicon Water Company owns a public utility water system located near Lake Tahoe and in El Dorado County. Tahoe City Public Utility District operates water systems in portions of El Dorado and Placer counties in the Lake Tahoe area.

By staff letter dated November 12, 1971, the transferor was requested to provide additional information pertaining to the application. By letters dated February 9

and 15, 1972, together with enclosures, counsel for transferor provided the information requested in the staff letter. On April 4, 1972, the Commission, desiring to pursue the inquiry further, instituted the above-entitled formal investigation pertaining to the transferor.

By staff letter dated May 8, 1972, the transferee was requested (a) to indicate the status of compliance with the Commission's Decision No. 76370, dated November 4, 1969, in Case No. 8944, which decision requires certain improvements in plant and procedures pertaining to the water system, and (b) to set forth its present plans for improving water service in the system which it proposes to acquire. The reply dated June 7, 1972 and enclosure therewith set forth a satisfactory report of compliance and accomplished and proposed improvements.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. Since on or about May 15, 1970, Tahoe City Public Utility District has been operating the water system of Rubicon Water Company.
2. On or about June 29, 1970, Rubicon Water Company agreed to sell its water system to Tahoe City Public Utility District.
3. No protest to the proposed transfer has been presented to the Commission.
4. The proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest.

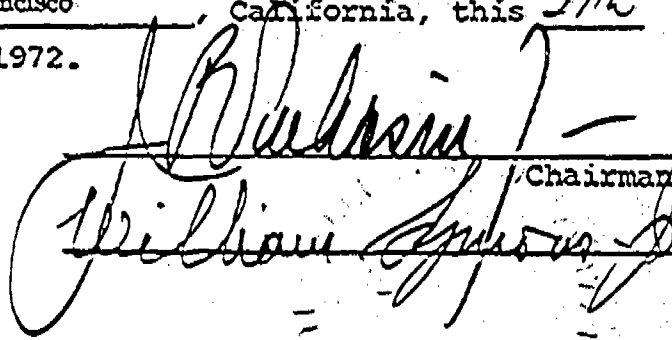
On the basis of the foregoing findings we conclude that the Commission investigation should be dismissed and the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Case No. 9358 is hereby dismissed.
2. On or before December 31, 1972, Rubicon Water Company may sell, transfer and convey to Tahoe City Public Utility District all of its water system properties and related assets.
3. Within thirty days after the consummation of the transfer authorized by Ordering Paragraph No. 2 hereof, Rubicon 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.
4. On or before the date of actual transfer, Rubicon Water Company shall return refundable deposits and main extension advances, if any.
5. Upon compliance with the conditions of this order, Rubicon Water Company shall stand relieved of its public utility obligations and may discontinue service concurrently with the commencement of service by Tahoe City Public Utility District.
6. The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th  
day of JUNE, 1972.

  
Chairman

