Decision No. 81594

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SANTIAGO WATER COMPANY, a California corporation, under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code for authority to increase public utility water rates.

Application No. 53380 (Filed June 2, 1972)

Fred F. Homann, for applicant.

Best, Best, & Krieger, by Dallas Holmes,
Attorney at Law, for the City of Orange,
intervenor.

Weldon L. Field, Barbara Faul, and Thelma L. Overton,
for themselves, interested parties.

Gene Aton, for himself, complainant.

OPINION

After due notice, a public hearing on this application was held before Examiner Levander in Orange on December 11, 1972.

Applicant's Vice-President and General Manager stated that the city of Orange had agreed in principle to purchase applicant's water properties. He requested an indefinite post-ponement of the hearings on its public utility water rate increase proposal pending the processing of another application authorizing the sale of its water properties to the city of Orange. Santiago wished to be able to proceed with this application if the sale was not completed.

Santiago subsequently filed Application No. 53795 for authorization to transfer its water system assets to the city of Orange and to be relieved of its obligation as a public utility. Decision No. 81323 dated May 1, 1973 authorized this transfer. By letter dated June 4, 1973 the Vice-President and General Manager of California Cities Water Company, which owns all of

applicant's outstanding stock, informed the Commission that the sale and transfer to the city of Orange was completed as of May 31, 1973.

Findings

- 1. Applicant has sold and transferred its water system to the city of Orange as authorized in Decision No. 81323.
- 2. Applicant no longer provides public utility water service.
- 3. The application for an increase in water rates should be dismissed.

Conclusion of Law

Based on the foregoing findings the Commission concludes that this application should be dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the application is dismissed.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

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