

Decision No. 81645

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of ARAM ATMAJIAN and WEST PARLIER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, a public corporation, for an order authorizing Aram Atmajian to sell and West Parlier Community Services District to purchase the water system owned and operated by Aram Atmajian, under the proprietary name of WHITENER HEIGHTS WATER COMPANY.

Application No. 54178
(Filed July 18, 1973)

O P I N I O N

Aram Atmajian, dba Whitener Heights Water Company (seller), and West Parlier Community Services District, a public corporation (buyer), request authority for seller to transfer to buyer the water system located in and about the unincorporated community of West Parlier in Fresno County and for seller to be relieved of his responsibility for public utility service in the area served by the transferred system.

Seller is presently a public utility in the business of supplying water service at flat rates to residences and fire hydrants. As of December 31, 1972, seller had active services to 84 residences and 8 hydrants. As of December 31, 1972, the recorded cost of the property being transferred was \$52,938.68, the depreciation reserve was \$12,116.28, and the net book cost was \$40,822.40. The selling price is \$45,000. Seller's 1972 annual report to this Commission indicates that no customer deposits and no advances for construction presently exist.

Buyer is a community service district whose boundaries encompass seller's water system.

We find that:

1. Buyer has the ability to acquire and operate seller's water system without interruption in service.

2. Upon the consummation of the proposed transfer, seller no longer will be performing public utility service.

3. Subject to the conditions set forth in the order which follows, the proposed sale and transfer will not be adverse to the public interest.

4. A public hearing is not necessary.

We conclude that the application should be granted as provided in the following order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Within one year after the effective date of this order, Aram Atjamian, doing business as Whitener Heights Water Company, may sell and transfer to West Parlier Community Services District the properties referred to herein, substantially in accordance with the terms attached to the application herein, but subject to the conditions of this order.

2. Within ten days after the date of actual transfer, seller shall file in this proceeding written notification of the refunding of all customer deposits made to guarantee the payment of bills, and main extension advance refunds due and payable, if any, the date of transfer and the date upon which buyer shall have assumed the operation of the water system authorized herein to be transferred. A true copy of the instrument or instruments of transfer shall be attached to the written notification.

3. On or before the date of actual transfer, seller shall deliver to buyer, and buyer shall receive and preserve, all available records, memoranda, and papers pertaining to the construction and operation of the properties authorized herein to be transferred.

4. Upon completion of the sale and transfer authorized by this order and upon compliance with all the terms and conditions

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of this order, seller shall be relieved of his public utility obligations in connection with the utility system transferred.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th
day of JULY, 1973.

Vermon L. Sturgeon
President

I abate
McKinnis Commissioner

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Commissioners

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