

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 82300

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application )  
 of SIERRA-NEVADA WATER CO., a California )  
 Corporation, and the TAHOE CITY PUBLIC )  
 UTILITY DISTRICT, a Body Politic, for an )  
 Order Authorizing said Corporation to )  
 Sell to District the Water System )  
 Facilities Owned and Operated by said )  
 Corporation. }

Application No. 54506  
 (Filed December 13, 1973)

O P I N I O N

Sierra-Nevada Water Co. (seller) seeks authority to transfer its entire water system to the Tahoe City Public Utility District (purchaser), a public agency in Placer County, and to discontinue service as a public utility.

Seller operates in and about Tahoe City, California, serving approximately 570 customers. The total purchase price of the system is \$150,000, excluding the sum of \$27,348.57 due and payable by seller to the Bank of Stockton, which sum purchaser has agreed to pay in addition to the \$150,000 purchase price.

Purchaser agrees that if this transfer is authorized it will continue to serve water in the territory now served by seller, in accordance with all existing or hereinafter adopted laws of the State of California or District ordinances, rules, and regulations.

Purchaser alleges that the transfer will be beneficial to the customers of seller because:

1. Purchaser has an experienced water service department, and economy of operation can be achieved by combining the water service activities of seller with those of purchaser;
2. That additional water supplies, when needed, can be provided by purchaser more economically and efficiently than can be done by the seller; and

3. That by acquisition of the water system purchaser can standardize and improve the quality of service in the District.

The record is unclear as to whether there are customer deposits on file or main extension contracts in force. Therefore, our order will be conditioned upon seller refunding all customer deposits and paying off all main extension contracts or representing to us that there are no customer deposits on file or main extension contracts outstanding.

The Commission has received no protests to the application, and after consideration finds that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest. We further find with reasonable certainty that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted.

#### O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before March 1, 1973, Sierra-Nevada Water Co. may sell and transfer the water system and other assets referred to in the application to the Tahoe City Public Utility District, according to the terms and conditions attached to the application.

2. On or before the date of actual transfer seller shall refund all customers' deposits for the establishment of credit, if any, which are subject to refund, and shall refund main extension advances, if any.

3. Within ten days after the completion of the transfer seller shall notify the Commission, in writing, of the date of transfer, of refunds made, and of the date upon which purchaser shall have assumed operation of the water system. A true copy of the instruments of transfer shall be attached to the notification.

4. Upon compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this order, seller shall be relieved of its public utility obligations in connection with the water system transferred.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd  
day of JANUARY, 1974

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. Quinn, Jr.

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Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.