

Decision No. 84104

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application )  
of NORTH TULARE WATER COMPANY, a )  
corporation, its SHAREHOLDERS, and the )  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE )  
CITY OF TULARE, a body politic, for an )  
Order Authorizing the Shareholders to )  
Sell all their Capital Stock to )  
DEPARTMENT and authorizing DEPARTMENT )  
to Dissolve the Corporation and )  
Distribute all Corporate Assets to )  
DEPARTMENT. )

Application No. 55449  
(Filed January 21, 1975)

O P I N I O N

North Tulare Water Company seeks authority to sell and transfer its water system to the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tulare. The former owns and operates a water system serving a portion of the City of Tulare and adjacent areas.

Pursuant to an Agreement, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit B, the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tulare proposes to acquire the water system for \$200,000, payable without interest from revenues to be derived from the water system.

The application indicates that economy of operation can be achieved by combining the two water systems, that an additional and consistent water supply can be provided to meet increased water needs and that standardized maintenance procedures, water rates and charges, and improved quality of service would result from the acquisition.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest and that, upon consummation of the transfer, public convenience and necessity would no longer require North Tulare Water Company to serve the area herein considered. We conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before June 30, 1975, North Tulare Water Company may sell and transfer the water system referred to in the application to the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tulare, according to the terms and conditions attached to the application.
2. On or before the date of actual transfer, North Tulare Water Company shall refund all customers' deposits for the establishment of credit, if any, which are subject to refund.
3. As a condition of this grant of authority, the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tulare shall assume all liability for refunds of main extension advances, if any.
4. Within ten days after the completion of the transfer, North Tulare Water Company shall notify the Commission, in writing, of the date of transfer, of the refunding of the deposits, and of the date upon which the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tulare shall have assumed operation of the water system. A true copy of the instruments of transfer shall be attached to the notification.
5. Upon compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this order, North Tulare Water Company shall be relieved of its public utility obligations in connection with the water system transferred.

6. The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day  
of February, 1975.

*Vernon L. Sturgeon*  
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President

*William J. ...*  
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*[Signature]*

*Leonard Ross*  
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Commissioners