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Decision No: 84551

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the transfer of the)
properties of Sequoia Crest Water Co.,)
from Robert N. Rouch, Claud A. Rouch,)
Edwin S. Rouch and Marguerite Monson,)
sellers to Sequoia Crest, Inc., a)
California corporation under the)
provisions of Section 851-853 of the)
Public Utilities Code of the State)
of California.)

Application No. 55529
(Filed February 28, 1975)

O P I N I O N

Robert N. Rouch, Claud A. Rouch, Edwin S. Rouch, and Marguerite Monson, doing business as Sequoia Crest Water Co., furnish water service to about 50 customers in the Sequoia Crest Subdivision near Camp Nelson, Tulare County. The seller was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity by Decision No. 62390 dated August 8, 1961 in Application No. 43226.

Applicants seek to transfer their water system to Sequoia Crest, Inc., a California corporation, which will be responsible for the refunds, as they become due and payable, and of customers' deposits and subdividers' advances for construction that are held by the utility. No operational changes will result from the transfer. Employees of Sequoia Crest, Inc. have operated the system successfully for several years. Mr. Robert N. Rouch, Jr., buyer's vice-president, will continue in the management of the utility.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest.

A public hearing is not necessary.

The application should be granted.

Sequoia Crest, Inc. has the financial resources and experience to properly operate the water system.

The authorization granted shall not be construed as a finding of the value of the rights and properties authorized to be transferred.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before January 1, 1976, Robert N. Rouch, Claud A. Rouch, Edwin S. Rouch, and Marguerite Monson may sell and transfer the water system and other assets referred to in the application to Sequoia Crest, Inc., a California corporation.

2. As a condition of this grant of authority, purchaser shall assume the public utility obligations of sellers within the area served by the water system being transferred and shall assume liability for refunds of all existing customer deposits and advances pertaining to the water system being transferred. Purchaser shall send notice of the assumption of liability for refunds to all customers affected.

3. Within ten days after completion of the transfer, purchaser shall notify the Commission, in writing, of the date of completion and of the assumption of the obligations set forth in paragraph 2 of this order.

4. Purchaser shall either file a statement adopting the tariffs of seller now on file with this Commission or refile under its own name those tariffs in accordance with the procedures prescribed by General Order No. 96-A. No increase in rates shall be made unless authorized by this Commission.

5. On or before the date of actual transfer, sellers shall deliver to purchaser, and the latter shall receive and preserve all records, memoranda, and papers pertaining to the construction and operation of the water system authorized to be transferred.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of JUNE, 1975.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William J. Quinn
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Leonard Ross
John R. Butcher
Commissioners