

Decision No. 85377

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
T. E. FINGER, doing business as
LAKE FOREST WATER CO., UNIT NO. 3
and TAHOE ESTATES WATER SYSTEM to
sell and of NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC
UTILITY DISTRICT to buy two water
systems in Placer County.

Application No. 56102
(Filed December 2, 1975)

O P I N I O N

T. E. Finger doing business as Lake Forest Water Co., Unit No. 3, and Tahoe Estates Water System (seller) seeks authority to transfer both water systems 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 119 customers. The total purchase price of the systems is \$25,000 and assumption of all the outstanding agreements with customers. The amount of the outstanding agreements is not given.

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 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.

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

4. That by acquisition of the Tahoe Estates Water System the District will proceed with the winterization of this system at less cost to the customers.

Seller alleges that repayments on all main extension contracts and other customer agreements are current, and purchaser will make the future payments as they become due. Seller also alleges that there are no customer deposits to establish credit presently held by the utilities.

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, 1976, T. E. Finger doing business as Lake Forest Water Co., Unit No. 3, and Tahoe Estates Water System may sell and transfer the water systems 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.

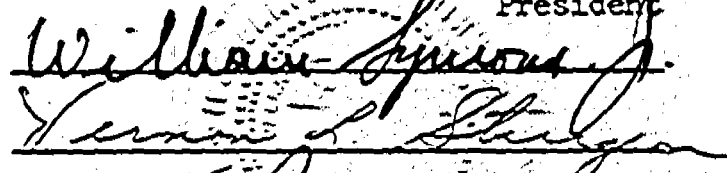
2. Within ten days after completion of the transfer seller shall notify the Commission, in writing, of the date of transfer, of refunds made if any, and of the date upon which purchaser shall have assumed operation of the water systems. A true copy of the instruments of transfer shall be attached to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

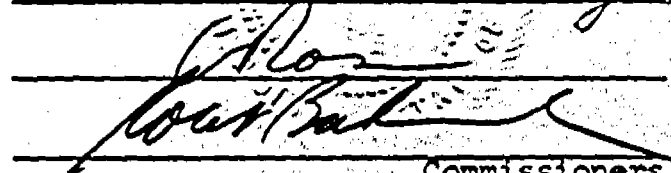
3. Upon compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this order, seller shall be relieved of its public utility obligation in connection with the water systems transferred.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of JANUARY, 1976.



President




Commissioners