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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Del Este Water
Company and Hope Lane Water Company
to Transfer Hope Lane Water
Company's Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Del
Este Water Company.

Application 86-10-046
(Filed October 16, 1986)

OPINION

This is an application in which Hope Lane Water Company (Hope Lane) seeks authority to transfer its operating authority to Del Este Water Company (Del Este). No other property is to be transferred.

An affidavit of service indicates that notice of the filing of the application was mailed to each customer on December 5, 1986. There are no protests.

The Commission makes the following findings and conclusion.

Findings of Fact

1. A public hearing is not necessary in this matter.
2. Hope Lane was found to be operating as a public utility water corporation and ordered to file tariffs in D.93844 in C.10827, dated December 15, 1981.
3. Hope Lane provided water service to seven customers in Modesto. Its service area is completely surrounded by Del Este.
4. Because of its small size and inadequate facilities, Hope Lane consented to the encroachment of Del Este in its service area. Six of the seven customers requested service from Del Este. The remaining customer, the owner of Hope Lane, owns and retains the property on which the Hope Lane well is situated and is taking water from the well.

5. Del Este is a public utility water corporation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. It provides service to 16,214 customers, of which, 659 are located in the Salida system, adjacent to the Hope Lane service area. Because of a reliable source of supply, larger and newer mains, and adequate fire flows, Del Este is capable of providing better and more reliable service to Hope Lane customers.

6. Hope Lane has no customer deposits or main extension contract advances.

7. Hope Lane has agreed to transfer its operating authority to Del Este so it can be relieved of any public utility obligations. No other property will be transferred.

8. Del Este will apply its presently authorized tariff rates to the area.

9. Del Este has the resources and ability to acquire and serve the Hope Lane area.

10. The proposed sale of Hope Lane's operating authority to Del Este is not adverse to the public interest.

11. Because the interest of the customers would be best served by having the transfer take place at the earliest possible time, this order should be made effective on the date of issuance.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or after the effective date of this order, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Han and Kenneth L. Hill and Carole L. Hill, doing business as Hope Lane Water Company (transferor), may transfer their public utility water system operating authority as defined in the tariffs filed in accordance with D.93844, to Del Este Water

Company (transferee) in accordance with the agreement set forth in the application.

2. As a condition of this grant of authority, transferee shall assume the public utility obligations of transferor.

3. Within 10 days after transfer, transferee shall write the Commission, stating the date of transfer and provide copies of any transfer documents.

4. Transferee shall apply its presently authorized tariff rates in the area.

5. When this order is complied with, transferor shall have no further obligations in connection with this water system.

This order is effective today.

Dated OCT 16 1987, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT
President

DONALD VIAL
FREDERICK R. DUDA
G. MITCHELL WILK
Commissioners

Commissioner John B. Ohanian, being necessarily absent, did not participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Victor Weissert, Executive Director