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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, a)
 corporation, for an order authorizing)
 (1) the sale and transfer to the City)
 of Bakersfield of public utility)
 property of Applicant in the City of)
 Bakersfield, and (2) the discontinuance)
 of service by Applicant in certain)
 territory in the City of Bakersfield.)

Application 60966
(Filed October 6, 1981)

O P I N I O N

California Water Service Company (Company), a California corporation, requests authority to sell a portion of its Bakersfield District water system facilities to the City of Bakersfield (City).

The facilities proposed to be transferred are described in the Agreement between Company and City (Exhibit 2 attached to the application), and consists of all water mains, pipelines, valves, connections, meters, and meter boxes within the "Fairhaven Area." The Fairhaven Area is shown on Exhibit A of the Agreement and is within the City. The undepreciated book cost of the facilities to be sold is \$94,041. The depreciated book cost is \$82,023. The agreed purchase price is \$220,000.

In a later letter dated November 3, 1981 Company has informed the Commission that it will retain responsibility for the unrefunded advances remaining on those main extension contracts pertaining to facilities installed in the Fairhaven Area. Payments on those contracts will continue under the provisions of the Company's filed main extension rule. The letter is identified and received as Exhibit 1.

Notice of Filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 8, 1981. No protests or comments have been received. A public hearing on this matter is not necessary.

Finding of Fact

Transfer of the Fairhaven Area water system of Company to City is not adverse to the public interest.

Conclusions of Law

1. Sale of the Fairhaven Area water system to City as proposed in the application should be authorized.
2. Company should be responsible for the refund of customers' advances under Company's filed main extension rule.
3. Company should refund any customer credit deposits which are subject to refund.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before June 1, 1982 California Water Service Company may transfer the water system described in the application to the City of Bakersfield according to the terms of the application.
2. California Water Service Company shall be responsible for unrefunded advances remaining on main extension contracts pertaining to facilities installed in the area being transferred.
3. On or before the date of transfer California Water Service Company shall refund any customers' credit deposits which are or will become subject to refund.

4. Within 10 days after transfer California Water Service Company shall write the Commission stating date of transfer, completion of customers' deposit refund, and date when the City of Bakersfield assumes operation of the system. A copy of the transfer document will be attached.

5. Upon compliance with this order California Water Service Company will be relieved of its public utility obligation in the Fairhaven Area of the City of Bakersfield.

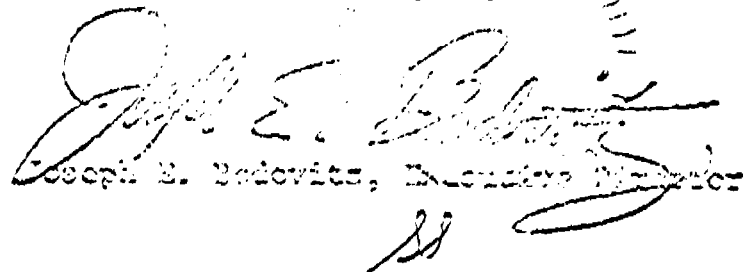
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JAN 5 1962, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.

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


Joseph E. Bedovits, Executive Director