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Decision _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of)
 Porterville, a California)
 municipal corporation, for)
 authority to purchase the)
 water system of Ruth R.)
 Pixton, sole owner.)

Application 61069
 (Filed November 20, 1981)

O P I N I O N

City of Porterville (City), a California municipal corporation, applies to purchase the water system of Ruth R. Pixton, dba Juranda Water Company (Juranda).

Juranda is a public utility now serving domestic water to customers entirely within the City, in that area bounded by Morton Avenue on the north, Indiana Street on the west, Cottage Street on the east, and Thurman Avenue on the south and also including the half cul-de-sac on Thurman Avenue east of Cottage Street.

In its application, City states that the purchase of the Juranda System is in the best interest of the parties, the customers, and the general public, in that the entire City and the immediate vicinity will be served by a single, fully intertwined water system after completion of connections and improvements which City will make after the purchase.

City and Juranda are the only parties involved in the transaction. The application states that all present customers of Juranda will continue to be served by City. By this Commission's request, City sent a letter to each customer of Juranda stating that City had applied to this Commission for authority to purchase Juranda, and that if any customer had objections to the

application, a protest should be filed with this Commission within 30 days of the receipt of this notice. No such protests were received.

The agreement between City and Juranda is attached to the application as an exhibit. The purchase price is \$26,000. City acquires all water rights, all of Juranda's plant, and all assets and liabilities of Juranda, as shown on its balance sheets as of September 30, 1981. City assumes the obligation to furnish water to the area served by Juranda subject to the availability of water, and at rates established by City.

Juranda also makes certain appropriate representations and warranties concerning its condition to City. Juranda does not make any representations or warranties concerning the precise location of underground pipelines, etc., or as to the particular age and condition of underground pipes and facilities, or the quality and quantity of water obtainable from the system.

The agreement contains other provisions which have been reviewed and are satisfactory.

We find that the transfer is in the public interest and conclude that we should issue our order authorizing it.

It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before April 1, 1982, Ruth R. Pixton (seller) may transfer the water system and other assets referred to in the application to City of Porterville (buyer) according to the terms in the application.

2. On or before the date of transfer, seller shall refund any customer credit deposits which are subject to refund.

3. Within 10 days after transfer, seller shall write the Commission stating dates of transfer and deposit refunds, and date when buyer began operating the water system. A copy of the transfer documents shall be attached.

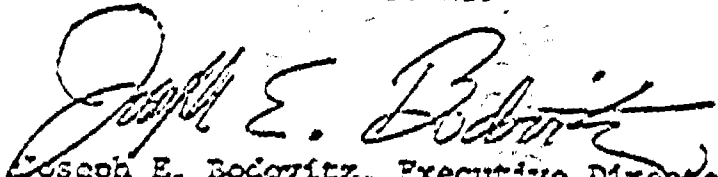
4. Upon compliance with this order, seller shall be relieved of the public utility obligation to the transferred system.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated FEB - 4 1962, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director