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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Sugarloaf Improvement Company, doing business as Bear Trap Ridge Water Company, to sell and transfer to William Guenther to buy the water system in Tract 421, Tulare County.

Application 83-05-33 (Filed May 16, 1983)

OPINION

Sugarloaf Improvement Company, a California corporation doing business as Bear Trap Ridge Water Company (Seller), and William Guenther (Buyer) jointly request authority under California Public Utilities Code Section 851 for Seller to sell and transfer its water system to Buyer.

The verified application shows that Seller owns and operates a water system in an area described as Sugarloaf Village Tract 421, Tulare County, serving 15 customers.

Original cost of the property being transferred is \$20,385, and the depreciation reserve as of January 1, 1983 is \$9,845, resulting in a net book cost of \$10,540 which is also the agreed sales price. The application alleges that Seller desires to dispose of the water system because its owners have moved from the area.

The application states that there are no main extension advances or customer deposits. Seller's customers were notified in writing of the proposed sale and transfer on or about May 20, 1983 and a copy of the notification was filed with the Commission on May 25, 1983. No formal protests have been received, and a public hearing is not required.

Staff of the Hydraulic Branch have reviewed the application and recommends ex parte processing and approval.

Finding of Fact

The proposed sale and transfer is not adverse to the public interest.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted as set forth in the following order.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The transfer and sale of the water system of Sugarloaf Improvement Company (Seller), doing business as Bear Trap Ridge Water Company, to William Guenther (Buyer) for the sum of \$10,540 is authorized.
- 2. Within 10 days after the completion of the transfer, Seller shall notify the Commission, in writing, of the date of the transfer and of the date upon which Buyer shall have assumed operation of the system.

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

LEONARD M. GRIMES. JR.
Procident
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCIPLA C. GREW
DORALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

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

Soseph E. Bodovitz, Executive

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1/One letter opposing the transfer was received.

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