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Decision 97-09-094 September 24, 1997

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Joint Application of Suburban Water Systems
(U 339-W) and Maple Water Company to Transfer
Certain Assets of Maple Water Company to
Suburban.

Application 97-05-020
(Filed May 5, 1997)

ORIGINAL

ORDER DISMISSING APPLICATION

On May 5, 1997, Southwest Suburban Water System (Suburban) and Maple Water Company (Maple) filed a joint application requesting a Commission order authorizing the transfer of Maple's assets to Suburban.

By letter dated July 7, 1997, Suburban and Maple request withdrawal the application. A copy of the letter is included as Appendix A to this order.

Although the letter does not state the reason for withdrawal of the application, we assume that Suburban has decided not to acquire Maple's assets at this time. However, should Suburban decide to acquire Maple's assets in the future, Suburban must seek Commission approval prior to such acquisition.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Upon written request of applicants, Application 97-05-020 is dismissed.
2. Southwest Suburban Water System shall seek Commission approval prior to acquisition of the assets of Maple Water Company.

This order is effective today.

Dated September 24, 1997, at San Francisco, California.

JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR.
HENRY M. DUQUE
JOSIAH L. NEEPER
RICHARD A. BILAS
Commissioners

President P. Gregory Conlon,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.



Suburban Water Systems

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July 7, 1997

California Public Utilities Commission
Docket Office, Room 2001
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Maple Water Company, Application No. 97-05-020

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a withdrawal of the application in the above matter. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel N. Evans at (626) 966-2090, ext. 221.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Diaz
President
Maple Water Company

Daniel N. Evans
Vice President - Finance
Chief Financial Officer
Suburban Water Systems

(END OF APPENDIX A)