

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Conlin Strawberry Water Company, Inc., a California corporation (U-177-W), for Authority to Sell and Del Oro Water Co., Inc. (U-61-W), for Authority to Buy the Conlin Strawberry Water Company Water System in Tuolumne County.

Application 05-12-001
(Filed December 2, 2005)

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of the Conlin-Strawberry Water Co. Inc. (U-177-W), and its Owner/Operator, Danny T. Conlin; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing; and Order to Show Cause Why the Commission Should Not Petition the Superior Court for a Receiver to Assume Possession and Operation of the Conlin-Strawberry Water Co. Inc. pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code Section 855.

Investigation 03-10-038
(Filed October 16, 2003)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ORDERING SERVICE OF APPLICATION, SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE, AND HEARING ON PETITION FOR MODIFICATION

A joint Prehearing Conference (PHC) and hearing on petition will be held in these proceedings at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2006, in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102.

1. Joint Proceedings

Investigation (I.) 03-10-038 is a completed investigation that resulted in the Commission's Decision (D.) 05-07-010 authorizing a suit for receivership and

imposing reparations against Conlin-Strawberry Water Company (Conlin-Strawberry). Conlin-Strawberry has petitioned to modify D.05-017-010 by staying Ordering Paragraphs 1-8 of that decision. The Water Division was a party to I.03-10-038.

Application (A.) 05-12-001 requests approval of a sale of the Conlin-Strawberry Water System to Del Oro Water Co., Inc. The deadline for protests to this application is January 5, 2006, and it is unknown whether the Water Division or another person will protest the application or seek to participate in the proceeding.

2. Issues to be Addressed

Any protests to A.05-12-001 are presently due on January 5, 2006. In addition to the issues raised by the pleadings, the PHC will address discovery; schedule of proceedings; opportunities for alternative dispute resolution (ADR); and any other matters that should be discussed.

Additionally, the hearing on the petition in I. 03-10-038 will address how the requested stay should be coordinated with A.05-12-001 and what provisions in the proposed sale should be made for Commission-ordered reparations.

3. Order of Additional Service

On or before Tuesday, December 27, 2005, the applicant in A.05-12-001 shall serve a copy of its application, by personal service or expedited mail, on the Strawberry Property Owners' Association, 1753 Starview Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577-6805.

4. Service of Pleadings

Rule 2.3.1, "Service by Electronic Mail," is applicable to A.05-12-001.

5. Transcripts

Parties who desire an expedited or daily transcript should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter by telephone at (415) 703-2288 no later than three days prior to the PHC. Questions regarding the date, time, or place for the PHC should be directed to the Calendar Clerk at (415) 703-1203.

6. Notice to Persons With Disabilities

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E-mail: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Voice: 415-703-2074

TTY: 1-866-836-7825 (toll free) or (415) 703-5282

FAX: (415) 703-5404 (Attn: Public Advisor)

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated December 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Ordering Service of Application, Setting Prehearing Conference, and Hearing on Petition for Modification on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

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