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WATER MATTERS

The Commission's jurisdiction over water rates and service is limited to those companies which operate for profit. This necessarily limits the number of water matters annually considered by this Commission since most areas in this state are served either by corporations operating not for profit, or by municipally operated water plants. Several of the important water service cases handled by the Commission in 1959 are considered below.

Abandonment of Service

CASE NO. 28,247—APPLICATION OF COLUMBUS & SOUTHERN OHIO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO ABANDON HOT WATER AND STEAM HEATING IN CITY OF DELAWARE.

Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21, Revised Code, sought authority to abandon its steam and hot water heating facilities in the City of Delaware. Public hearing was held before an Attorney Examiner, a portion of whose report is reprinted below:

"This is an Application under the provisions of the so-called 'Miller Act' (Section 4905.20 and 4905.21, Revised Code) whereby the Applicant utility seeks to abandon a facility it had formerly dedicated to public use. Applications of this type require the Commission to make an evaluation between the detriment to the public using the facility and the benefit to flow from the Applicant utility if the Application to abandon is authorized. In the instant case the statutory evaluation is not difficult. The Applicant utility has taken every appropriate and reasonable step to minimize difficulty and inconvenience to the public it served—even going so far as to aid and assist its former customers in making other satisfactory heating arrangements. This has resulted in a situation in which it appears that the withdrawal of the steam heating facility, which admittedly has operated at a considerable deficit, will in no wise inconvenience or adversely affect the public formerly served. The Application should, therefore, be granted."

The Commission adopted the Report and Recommendation of its Attorney Examiner and authorized the abandonment of this utility service. DECIDED MARCH 11, 1959.

Water Service at Twinsburg

In 1959, as the result of a Complaint made by a customer of the Twinsburg Water Company, the Commission instituted an investigation of such Company with regard to its status as a public utility under the jurisdiction of this Commission. Once it was determined that the Twinsburg Water Company was subject to regulation by this Commission, the investigation was extended to determine the adequacy of the service rendered by such utility. The text of the Commission's order in Case No. 27,905 is reprinted below: