

Mr. WYATT. Could you state the \$50 in cents per thousand gallons?

Mr. DOMINY. That would be around 15 to 16 cents a thousand gallons.

Mr. WYATT. So actually, the conveyance cost is the greater cost according to your present feelings on it?

Mr. DOMINY. That is correct. Incidentally, that ought to give quite a little aid and comfort to the Northwest, because the length of that conveyance was only 313 miles. The high point at which we would have to lift the water is only 2,800 feet above sea level.

Mr. WYATT. How does that compare to the distance between the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam to Lake Mead, both in distance and lift?

Mr. DOMINY. That would be about 1,200 miles of conveyance aqueduct, and the high point of the lift is about 5,000 feet.

Mr. WYATT. I assume there would be substantially greater conveyance costs, pumping costs, in any diversions from the Columbia River for the reasons you have indicated.

Mr. DOMINY. Not only because of the extra lengths and heights of pumping, but also because of climate conditions, too. We would have a lot of icing and problems like that coming across the northern mountains that we would not have coming across the southern mountains.

Mr. SAYLOR. Will you yield at that point?

Mr. WYATT. Yes; I will yield.

Mr. SAYLOR. Do not tell me, Mr. Dominy, that you admit on the witness stand that you get ice in the mountains? You sat there before this committee and told us when we discussed the Frying Pan-Arkansas project that you didn't worry about ice, that you were going to freeze it over the top and run it through the bottom. Millennium has come to this committee. I never thought I would hear such honesty on the part of the Commissioner.

Mr. DOMINY. I might say, Mr. Saylor, you have frequently attempted to put words in my mouth and twist them a bit. All I am saying in effect is that it does cost more money to handle icing conditions. It is not impossible to handle them, it is not impractical to solve them, and it is not or will not be on the Frying Pan-Arkansas project. But we are relating here to the differences in cost in conveyance from the ocean on the California coast and the cost of conveying the water from the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam.

Mr. WYATT. Mr. Commissioner, you have projected in your reconnaissance report 9.8 cent oceanside cost of water.

When the Bechtel Corp. made its study of the MWD project in 1965—I am not sure of the year—their feasibility study was in much detail, based upon the present technology, and forecast 21.9 cents oceanside water, if my memory serves me correctly.

I would like to know for the record just what the people who have made the reconnaissance report know, what factors they include that maybe were not known to Bechtel Corp. or were not included by the Bechtel Corp. in determining their water costs oceanside.

Mr. DOMINY. It is their judgment as to the great improvements and technology that can be expected to be achieved in the next 25 years. If we look back on the past 25 years and see what we have done in this field and marvel at the progress that has been made, I do not think it