

Decision No. 12466.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application)
of G. A. RICHARDSON for permit to)
establish a water system and to)
distribute and sell water in the)
Gould Tract, near the City of Sac-)
ramento, County of Sacramento,)
State of California.)

Application No. 9194.

J. W. Caldwell, for applicant.

I. O. Stangbye, for the consumers.

WHITTLESEY, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled proceeding, G. A. Richardson asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing him to establish a water system and to sell water for domestic purposes in the Gould Tract, a subdivision located about one half mile southeast of the corporate limits of the City of Sacramento.

A public hearing in this matter was held at Sacramento, after all interested parties had been duly notified and given an opportunity to be present and to be heard.

The evidence shows that applicant subdivided the eighty acres comprising the Gould Tract in 1910, and agreed to furnish water for domestic purposes to all purchasers of lots in the tract. The water system now consists of a 12-inch well, storage tank, an automatic electrically operated pump, and the necessary distribution mains of 6-inch diameter and smaller.

No charges have heretofore been made for the service rendered, and applicant at the hearing amended the application to include a request for the establishment of rates.

The evidence presented shows an actual expenditure in the construction of this water system of about \$6,500. Applicant does not however expect a full return, if any, on the investment at this time, and no data as to costs of operation are available. The rates established in the accompanying order will therefore be such as have been found reasonable for utilities operating under similar conditions in the general vicinity of this plant.

Applicant has in the past charged a few consumers with the cost of services and connections. This procedure is contrary to this Commission's orders affecting public utilities and applicant has signified his intention of discontinuing the practice and to return to consumers all amounts previously collected.

No other public utility water system is operating in this immediate vicinity and no one appeared to protest the granting of the certificate. It therefore appears that the application should be granted.

The following form of order is recommended:

O R D E R

G. A. Richardson having made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for the establishment of rates, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, and the Commission being now fully informed in the matter,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require that G. A. Richardson operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic purposes to residents on the 80-acre Gould Tract, a subdivision located approximately one half mile southeast

of the corporate limits of the City of Sacramento, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that G. A. Richardson be and he is hereby directed to file with this Commission, within twenty (20) days of the date of this order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water delivered to consumers subsequent to August 31, 1923:

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

1. Dwelling of six rooms or less, including irrigation of lot on which house is located, if not over 700 square yards	\$1.50
2. For each additional room over six in Item 110
3. Stores, shops, markets, halls, offices, each	1.50
4. Stables, public or private, for each head of stock25
5. Sprinkling or irrigation not included in Item 1, for each month used, per 100 square feet05
6. Construction use:	
For each barrel of cement or lime used.10
For each 1000 of bricks dampened.15
For settling trenches, per lineal foot.01
For settling graded streets, sidewalks, etc., per 100 square feet25

MONTHLY METER RATES

From 0 to 500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet.	\$.25
From 500 to 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet20
Over 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet.12

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES

For 5/8 inch meter.	\$1.25
For 3/4 inch meter.	2.25
For 1 inch meter.	4.00
For 1 1/2 inch meter.	7.50
For 2 inch meter.	12.00

NOTE: Each of the foregoing monthly minimum charges will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that minimum charge will purchase at the monthly meter rates as set out above.

Meters may be installed upon any service at the option of either the utility or the consumer. If installed at the option of the utility the entire cost shall be borne outright by the utility. If installed at option

of consumer, the actual cost thereof shall be deposited by the consumer with the utility and the amount so deposited shall be returned to the consumer as credits on monthly bills for water consumed at the rate of 30 per cent. of such monthly bills.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that G. A. Richardson be and he is hereby directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations to govern relations with his consumers, such rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance by this Commission.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of August, 1923.

Darius M. Martin
Egerton Shore

J. T. Whitney
Commissioners.