

Decision No. 12870.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
OSCAR L. NOBLES )  
for permission and authorization to ) Application No. 9399.  
operate a water system within certain )  
territorial limits. )

Charles Newell Carns for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application Oscar L. Nobles asks authority to distribute and sell water for domestic purposes to the residents of a tract of land near Lankershim, more particularly described in Franchise No. 872 (new series) of the County of Los Angeles, which, together with a map upon which the territory is delineated, is attached to and made a part of the application.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Williams at Los Angeles after due notice thereof had been given so that all interested parties could be present and be heard.

The testimony shows that applicant owns and operates a pumping plant which was constructed primarily to supply water for the irrigation of his own land. As the plant develops more water than is needed for applicant's own use he now proposes to establish a public utility water system and supply water for

domestic purposes to residents in the tract referred to, which consists of approximately 200 lots upon which are located 62 consumers.

Applicant is now charging a flat rate of \$1.50 per month and in his application suggests that the Commission establish a rate of \$2.00 for 1000 cubic feet of water, with a charge of 10 cents per 100 cubic feet for all use in excess of 1000 cubic feet.

There are no records available at the present time which will furnish the necessary information as to costs of operation, upon which a reasonable schedule of rates can be based. It will therefore be necessary to establish a schedule similar to those in use on other water systems in the vicinity where the costs of service are reasonably comparable.

No one appeared to protest the granting of the application, and there is no other utility supplying water in this immediate territory. It therefore appears that the application should be granted.

#### O R D E R

Oscar L. Nobles having made application to this Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require that Oscar L. Nobles operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic use to consumers located on a tract of land near Lankershim, Los Angeles County, more particularly described in and under the terms and conditions of a certain franchise, No. 872 (new series), granted by the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Oscar L. Nobles be and he is

hereby authorized to file with this Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of this order the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water delivered to consumers subsequent to December 31, 1923:

MONTHLY FLAT RATE SCHEDULE

For residence of five rooms or less . . . . .	\$1.00
For each additional room over five . . . . .	.10
For each bath tub. . . . .	.25
For each toilet. . . . .	.25
For each garage and one automobile . . . . .	.25
For each additional automobile . . . . .	.15
For each barn with not more than one horse or cow. . . . .	.15
Sprinkling or irrigating lawns or gardens for each month during which water is used, per 100 square feet irrigated. . . . .	.05
Monthly minimum flat rate. . . . .	1.50

All other use to be charged for at meter rates.

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 by the utility. If installed at the request of the consumer the cost of meter and installation thereof shall be advanced by the consumer to the utility and the money so advanced shall be refunded to the depositor as credits on monthly bills for water furnished at the rate of fifty per cent. (50%) of the total amount of such monthly bills.

MONTHLY METER RATES.

For 500 cubic feet or less . . . . .	\$1.25
From 500 to 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet. . . . .	.20
All in excess of 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cu.ft. . . . .	.10

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES

5/8 inch meter . . . . .	\$1.25
3/4 " " . . . . .	2.25
1 " " . . . . .	3.50
1 1/2 " " . . . . .	6.00
2 " " . . . . .	10.00

Each of the foregoing monthly minimum charges will entitle the consumer to that quantity of water which the monthly minimum charge will purchase at the foregoing "monthly meter rates".

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Oscar L. Nobles 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 consumers, such rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance by the Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1925.

C. Leavy  
H. B. Bunniff  
Egerton Shore

Commissioners.