

Decision No. 12900.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of the Application of the

EASTMONT WATER COMPANY

for an order establishing a rate for

the use of water.

Application No. 9427.

Jerome H. Kann for applicant.

G. L. Ogle for consumers.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application Eastmont Water Company, a corporation, asks for authority to distribute and sell water for domestic purposes to the residents of that portion of Los Angeles County known as the Eastmont Tract, located near Belvedere. The Commission is also asked to establish rates to be charged for the service rendered.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Williams at Los Angeles, after due notice thereof had been given so that all interested parties might appear and be heard.

The testimony indicates that in 1922 the Eastmont Tract was subdivided into residence lots and a complete water system installed to aid in their sale. At the present time water is served free of charge to approximately 300 consumers, and it is the desire of applicant to carry on the business as a pub-

lic utility and make charges for water delivered.

The application contains a schedule of rates which it is desired to put into effect, but it was stipulated at the hearing that a full return upon the investment was not now desired, and that revenues sufficient to cover maintenance and operation expenses would be satisfactory. Applicant also expressed a willingness to accept a rate schedule similar to that of the Belvedere Water Company, which distributes and sells water in adjoining territory and operates under practically similar conditions.

The testimony submitted by some of the consumers on the system indicates that inadequate service has been rendered in some instances and that the quality of the water supplied is not all that could be desired. A systematic blowing out of the mains to clear them of sediment and a thorough cleaning and treating of the old oil tank used for storage purposes would undoubtedly remove many of the causes of complaint. A relocation of the present distribution mains so as to give a direct line from the storage tank to the service area and the installation of additional pipes to connect dead ends and promote better circulation of the water would also improve conditions. Applicant stated that any changes in this system necessary to provide adequate service would be made.

No other utility is supplying water in this territory, and no one appeared to protest the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity. It therefore appears that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Eastmont Water Company, a corporation, having made application to this Commission as entitled above, 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 and will require that Eastmont Water Company, a corporation, operate a water system to supply water for domestic purposes in the tract of land known as Eastmont Tract, in Los Angeles County, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northerly corner of Tract No. 5445 as shown on map recorded in Book 59, Pages 69 and 70 of Maps, records of Los Angeles County, thence southwesterly along the northwesterly line of said tract to the northwesterly corner of Lot 76 thereof; thence easterly in a direct line to the northeasterly corner of Lot 102 of Tract No. 5438, as shown on map recorded in Book 65, page 26 of Maps, records of said county; thence easterly parallel with the northerly line of Whittier Boulevard as shown on said last mentioned map to the southwesterly boundary of the City of Montebello, as the same existed on March 29, 1923; thence northwesterly along said southwesterly boundary and along the northeasterly line of above mentioned Tract No. 5445 to the point of beginning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Eastmont Water Company, a corporation, be and the same is hereby authorized to file with this Commission within twenty (20) days from the date hereof, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water delivered to consumers subsequent to December 31, 1923:

MONTHLY METER RATES

From	0 to	500	cubic feet,	per	100	cubic feet,	\$0.20
From	500 to	1000	"	"	"	"	.15
From	1000 to	5000	"	"	"	"	.12
Over		5000	"	"	"	"	.06

MONTHLY MINIMUM PAYMENTS

For service	$\frac{1}{2}$	inch	diameter	or less.	.....	\$1.00
"	"	1	"	"	.....	1.25
"	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	.....	1.75
"	"	2	"	"	.....	2.25

Note: Each of the foregoing monthly minimum payments will entitle the consumer to that quantity of water which the monthly minimum payment will purchase at the foregoing "monthly meter rates".

PUBLIC USE

For street sprinkling or sewer flushing, per 100 cubic feet. \$0.06

Meters may be installed at the option of the consumer or the utility. When installed at the option of the utility the entire cost of the meter and installation shall be borne by the utility. When installed at the option of the consumer a deposit may be required, such deposit to be returned to the consumer as a credit on monthly bills for water consumed at the rate of 1/20 of the deposit. The following deposits may be required:

For 5/8 inch meter	\$15.00
For 3/4 " "	20.00
For 1 " "	25.00
For 1 1/2 " "	45.00
For 2 " "	70.00

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

For residence of 5 rooms or less	\$1.00
For each additional room . . . . .	.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 irrigation of lawns or gardens, for each month for which water is used, per 100 square feet irrigated. . . . .	.05
Monthly minimum flat rate.	1.50

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the collection of the rates set out in the foregoing schedule after March 1st, 1924, is expressly conditioned upon the installation by Eastmont Water Company, incorporated, prior to the last mentioned date, of such facilities or the performance by it of such other work as may be required to furnish to all consumers an adequate supply of clear

potable water.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Eastmont Water Company, incorporated, be and the same 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 this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of December, 1923.

C. L. Seaver

H. B. Brundage

Dwight Martin

Commissioners.