

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
PALM GARDEN WATER COMPANY )  
(Constance M. Penilla and Hortense )  
M. Johnson) for certificate author- ) Application No. 9511.  
izing the operation of a water system )  
in Los Angeles County. )

W. S. Rabineau for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application Constance M. Penilla and Hortense M. Johnson, operating under the name and style of Palm Garden Water Company, ask authority to distribute and sell water for domestic purposes to the residents of Tract Number 5456, Los Angeles County. The Commission is also asked to establish a flat rate of \$1.50 per month for each family and that an optional meter rate be established.

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 Tract Number 5456 was subdivided into lots and a complete water system installed to aid in their sale. At the present time water is served free to approximately fifty consumers who have received such service since November, 1922. It is now the desire of applicants to carry on

the business as a public utility and make charges for water delivered.

No other utility is supplying water in this territory, and no one appeared to contest the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, or to protest the rates proposed by applicants, which are reasonable and similar to those charged by other utilities operating under like conditions.

### O R D E R

Constance M. Penilla and Hortense M. Johnson, operating under the name and style of Palm Garden Water Company, 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 applicants herein operate a water system to supply water for domestic purposes to residents in Tract Number 5456, Los Angeles County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Constance M. Penilla and Hortense M. Johnson, operating under the name and style of Palm Garden Water Company, be and the same are 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 January 1, 1924:

#### MONTHLY FLAT RATE

For each family using water for domestic purposes, \$1.50

#### MONTHLY METER RATES

From 0 to 500 cubic feet . . . . .	\$1.25
From 500 to 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet . . . . .	.20
From 1000 to 5000 " " " 100 " " . . . . .	.15
All in excess of 5000 cubic feet, per 100 cu.ft. . . . .	.10

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES

For service 3/4 inch diameter or less. . . . .	\$1.25
For service 1 inch diameter. . . . .	1.50
For service 1 1/2 inch diameter. . . . .	2.00
For service 2 inch diameter. . . . .	2.50

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."

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 inch meter . . . . .	20.00
For 1 inch meter . . . . .	25.00
For 1 1/2 inch meter . . . . .	45.00
For 2 inch meter . . . . .	70.00

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Constance M. Penilla and Hortense M. Johnson, operating under the name and style of Palm Garden Water Company, be and the same are 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 27th day of December, 1923.

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Commissioners.