

Decision No. 13305.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
B. G. ADAMS  
for certificate of public convenience  
and necessity.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 9650.

B. G. Adams in propria persona.

W. T. Estep in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application B. G. Adams, operating under the fictitious name of Vermont Water Company, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the distribution and sale of water for domestic purposes to the residents of Tracts No. 2273 and No. 4754, Figueroa Heights, Woollo-cott Heights and Vermont Villa Tract, Los Angeles County. The Commission is also asked to establish a flat rate of \$1.50 per month for each family.

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 shows that applicant installed a water

system to aid in the sale of lots in the above described tracts which he owns or in which he has an interest. At the present time approximately 55 consumers are being supplied with water.

The rates proposed in this application are reasonable and in some respects lower than those charged by other utilities in the immediate vicinity which operate under similar conditions.

W. T. Estep, who owns and operates a public utility water system in the territory adjoining the tracts proposed to be served by applicant, appeared and protested the granting of the certificate on the ground that he had an abundance of water and facilities for supplying the needs in this territory. It appears however that Mr. Estep has no county franchise covering this area and that such a franchise is now being obtained by applicant, who further stipulated that under proper conditions he would turn over to Mr. Estep any portion of the tract he may desire to supply with water.

Consideration of the evidence submitted leads to the conclusion that the application should be granted, to become effective when applicant files with this Commission a certified copy of a proper franchise secured from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, and a supplemental order shall have been issued by the Commission.

#### O R D E R

B. G. Adams, operating under the name and style of Vermont 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 B. G. Adams operate a water system to supply water for domestic purposes in Tracts No. 2273 and No. 4754, Figueroa Heights, Woollocott Heights and Vermont Villa Tract, in Los Angeles County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that B. G. Adams 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:

MONTHLY FLAT RATE

Flat rate for all classes of service - - - - - \$1.50

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted and the collection of the rates herein established shall become effective only upon the securing by B. G. Adams of an operative franchise from the County of Los Angeles covering the operation of a water system in the territory described in the application herein, the filing with this Commission of a certified copy of such franchise and the issuance of a supplemental order by this Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that B. G. Adams 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 this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>d</sup> day of March, 1924.

C. J. Seaver

Lawrence Martin

Edward S. Brown

J. H. Whitteley  
Commissioners.