

Decision No. 13467.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
C. W. ROACH and OLIVE AYRES JACOBS
for a certificate of public conven-
ience and necessity.

Application No. 9838.

C. W. Roach for applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application C. W. Roach and Olive Ayres Jacobs ask for a certificate of public convenience and necessity covering the construction and operation of a public utility water system at "29 Palms", San Bernardino County.

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

"29 Palms" is a small settlement in San Bernardino County the population of which will undoubtedly increase rapidly owing to mining and other activities in the vicinity. Applicants propose to drill a well, construct the necessary distribution system, and engage in the business of supplying water to consumers in this locality. There is every indication that a good and ample water supply can be secured.

Application has been made to the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County for a franchise to cover the construction and operation of the proposed water system. No other public utility is supplying water in this vicinity, and no one appeared to oppose the granting of the application. It appears that the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be granted, to become effective upon the filing with this Commission of a copy of a proper franchise secured from the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County.

Owing to the fact that the construction of the necessary water system has not yet been commenced, with the result that it is impossible at this time to determine the cost of construction or to estimate even approximately a reasonable allowance for maintenance and operation expense, it will be impracticable to establish rates at this time. When applicants are ready to supply water to consumers they may file with the Commission a schedule of proposed rates, which will be accepted provided the same are reasonable and non-discriminatory.

O R D E R

Application having been made 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 C. W. Roach and Olive Ayres Jacobs construct and operate a water system in the territory known as "29 Palms", San Bernardino County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the authority herein granted

shall become effective only upon the securing by applicants of an operative franchise from the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino covering the construction and operation of a water system in the territory described in the application, and the filing with this Commission of a certified copy of such franchise.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of April, 1924.

C. L. Sawyer

H. H. Bunnick

Dwight Martin

J. T. Whittsey
Commissioners.