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Decision No. 14043.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
W. T. ESTEP, E. J. WHITNEY and HARRY
L. PERSON for a certificate of public
convenience and necessity of furnish-
ing water on the Maravilla Tract in
the County of Los Angeles, State of
California.

Application No. 10335.

Person & Rogers, by H. L. Person and G. D.
Rogers, for applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N.

In the above entitled application W. T. Estep, E. J. Whitney and Harry L. Person ask for a certificate of public convenience and necessity covering the distribution and sale of water for domestic purposes to the residents on Tract No. 4824, Los Angeles County, commonly known and designated as the Maravilla Tract. The Commission is also asked to authorize the establishment of a schedule of rates set out in the application.

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 the applicants purchased from the J. D. Millar Realty Company on or about July 24, 1924, the water system installed to supply water to residents on the above mentioned tract, and that the applicants herein have taken over all of the wells, pumping equipment and distribution system of the former owners and are now rendering service to consumers.

The J. D. Millar Realty Company has in the past been supplying water without charge to the residents of this tract, and

the service has been inadequate and the water of very poor quality. The pumping equipment installed by the Millar Company was of insufficient capacity and of poor design, resulting in a very muddy condition of the water. The Board of Health of Los Angeles County made an examination of the system and forbade the continued use of the company's source of supply. Tank wagons were then employed by the Millar Company, and consumers were furnished a limited amount of water by this means. The present applicants, after taking over the system, have installed a new well and new pumping equipment and are at the present time attempting to establish adequate and satisfactory service within the tract. There are now approximately 250 consumers and it was the intention of the Millar Company to supply these water users through 50 small standpipes connected to the distribution pipes.

The applicants herein state that it is their intention to install individual services to the consumers and to furnish first-class service. The installation of these individual services should be completed and placed in operation at the earliest possible moment.

The rates proposed in the application compare favorably with the rates charged by other utilities operating under similar conditions and are reasonable rates provided that adequate service be rendered.

No other public utility supplies water within this tract and no one appeared to protest the granting of this application.

Consideration of the evidence submitted leads to the conclusion that an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be granted and that the establishment of the rate schedule proposed by applicants should be authorized, to become effective when an adequate supply of pure potable water is made available to the consumers on the tract.

O R D E R.

W. T. Estep, E. J. Whitney and Harry L. Person, 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 therein,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require that W. T. Estep, E. J. Whitney and Harry L. Person operate a water system for the purpose of supplying domestic service to the residents in Tract No. 4824, Los Angeles County; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that W. T. Estep, E. J. Whitney and Harry L. Person be and they 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 water delivered to consumers:

DOMESTIC FLAT RATES.

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| (1) For a 3/4 inch service attached to a 4 inch main, a monthly flat rate for residences, boarding houses or tenements of 5 rooms or less of | \$1.50 |
| For each additional room per month | .25 |
| Additional for private barn or garage with not more than two horses or cows or one automobile, per month. | .50 |
| For each additional horse or cow per month. | .20 |
| For each additional automobile per month | .50 |
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| (2) Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, trees, gardens, etc., per square yard per month | .005 |

IRRIGATION RATES.

- A flat rate per hour for water delivered through a two (2) inch hydrant attached to a four (4) inch main of \$.75

DOMESTIC METER RATES

For 400 cubic feet of water or less \$1.00
For 400 to 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet .20
For 1000 to 2000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet .15
All in excess of 2000 cubic feet, per 100 cu.ft. .12

Note: Meters may be installed at the option of the consumer or the company. When a meter is installed at the request of a consumer, a deposit may be required, such deposit to be returned to the consumer as a credit on monthly bills at a rate of one twentieth (1/20) of the deposit per month. 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 the rates herein established shall become effective only after a supplemental order of this Commission, which will be issued after applicants have demonstrated to the Commission that they are furnishing through individual service pipes an adequate supply of pure potable water to the consumers in Tract No. 4824, Los Angeles County.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that W. T. Estep, E. J. Whitney and Harry L. Person be and they 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 the Commission.

The effective date of this order is hereby fixed as twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of September, 1924.

 C. J. Seaver
 H. H. Brundage
 Livingston Martin
 George S. Shore
 J. H. Whittington
Commissioners