

Decision No. 14586.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
                                  GEORGE R. BLISS )  
for certificate of public necessity )  
and convenience.                  )

Application No. 10475.

ORIGINAL

George R. Bliss, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding George R. Bliss asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of a public utility water system for irrigation purposes near Carpinteria, in Santa Barbara County, and for the establishment of reasonable charges for the service to be rendered.

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

The testimony shows that George R. Bliss is the owner jointly with his wife of certain ranch property, upon which is located a well and pumping plant capable of producing a continuous flow during the summer months of approximately 40 miner's inches of water. The distribution system connected therewith is so located as to be able to deliver water to some two hundred acres of orchard lands now desiring irrigation service from this source.

The applicant has already been authorized by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County to construct, maintain and operate the pipe lines necessary for the service contemplated in the application herein.

The evidence indicates that the estimated reasonable cost of the present water system is approximately \$9,000, exclusive of certain improvements to be installed before the irrigation season of 1925.

There are no records available of the actual costs of the operation of this plant. It will therefore be necessary to establish a schedule of rates similar to those now in effect on other water systems of a similar character operating under like conditions.

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

#### O R D E R

George R. Bliss 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 George R. Bliss operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for irrigation purposes in the territory more particularly described in the application herein.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that George R. Bliss 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 subsequent to  
February 28, 1925:

0 to 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet,	6 cents.
Above 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet,	5 cents.
Minimum charge per Irrigation . . . . .	\$2.50

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that George R. Bliss be  
and he is hereby directed to file with this Commission within  
thirty (30) days from the date of this order rules and regula-  
tions to govern relations with consumers, such rules and regula-  
tions to become effective upon their acceptance by the Commission.

For all other purposes the effective date of this or-  
der shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 1925.

H. A. Brundage  
C. Seaver  
Ernest Shore  
George D. Innes  
Ernest J. ...  
Commissioners.