

Decision No. 14630.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
GERSON WATER COMPANY
for certificate of public convenience
and necessity.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 10755.

Phil Jacobson, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Samuel Gerson, under the fictitious name of Gerson Water Company, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of a public utility water system for domestic purposes in Tracts Numbers 6084, 6627, 6785, 7046, 7846, 7906, 8227 and 8496, Los Angeles County, and for the establishment of reasonable charges for the service to be rendered.

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 has installed upon each of the above named tracts a complete automatic pumping unit and water distribution system; that in each instance there is no other public utility water company serving water in the immediate

vicinity from which water can be obtained; that applicant is in the pipe and pump business and well versed in the operation of water systems; that pipe lines were installed in each of the above named tracts prior to the acceptance of the streets by the county authorities, making it unnecessary to secure a county franchise.

Applicant stated that a full return on the investment would not be expected until the tracts are developed. No charges have been made for water service, and there are no records of actual operating costs available for this particular group of water systems. The proposed schedule of rates set out in the application is reasonable and compares favorably with the rates charged by other utilities operating in the general vicinity and under like conditions.

No one appeared to protest the granting of a certificate of public convenience and necessity. It appears therefore that this application should be granted.

O R D E R

Samuel Gerson, under the fictitious name and style of Gerson Water Company, having made application to this Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require that Samuel Gerson, doing business under the fictitious name and style of Gerson Water Company, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic

purposes in each of the tracts above mentioned, more particularly described in the application herein and located in Los Angeles County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Samuel Gerson be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of this order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered to consumers subsequent to April 1, 1925:

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

For Residence.	\$.50
For each garage with one automobile.25
For each additional Automobile15
For each barn including one horse or cow15
For each additional horse or cow15
Sprinkling or irrigating lawns or gardens, per 100 square feet of surface actually irrigated.05

MONTHLY METER RATES

800 cubic feet or less	\$.50
800 cubic feet to 1200 cubic feet, per 100 cu- bic feet20
All in excess of 1200 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet15

Meters may be installed at the option of the utility or the consumer. If installed at the option of the utility, the entire cost of same shall be borne by the utility. If installed at the option of the consumer, the consumer shall deposit with the utility the sum of \$15.00, which sum shall be returned to the consumer at the rate of 50% of the water bill each month until the entire amount deposited shall have been returned.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Samuel Gerson be and he is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations governing the distribution of water and relations with consumers, said rules to become effective upon their acceptance by the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of March, 1925.

H. K. Brundage

George D. Squires

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Commissioners.