

Decision No. 10591.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
IRA JONES,
sole owner of the ELK GROVE WATER
WORKS, for change in rates.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 11229.

Ira Jones, owner, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Ira Jones, sole owner of the Elk Grove Water Works, applicant herein, is a public utility water company engaged in the business of furnishing water for domestic and commercial purposes in the town of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California.

Applicant alleges in effect that the rates now charged do not produce sufficient revenue to yield a fair return upon the investment in the property, over and above the costs of operation, maintenance and depreciation. Applicant asks that this Commission make its order authorizing applicant to maintain the present rate of \$1.50 per month for household use, and allow the collection of an additional charge of \$1.00 per month for six months of each year for all lots up to 80 by 160 feet in size on which water is used for irrigating lawns, vines, trees, vegetable or flower gardens.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held before Examiner Satterwhite at Elk Grove, Sacramento County, after all interested parties had been duly notified and given an opportunity

indicates that the revenue received from the present rates does not result in a fair return to applicant, and further, that the increase in rates as proposed by applicant is reasonable and is also acceptable to his consumers. In fact, the present rates of this utility are lower than the rates in effect and found reasonable by this Commission under similar conditions of service elsewhere.

It appears that the meter rate as now established, although not used except in a few cases, should be so adjusted as to be in harmony with the flat rate and in form similar to those found reasonable for service on similar systems. The schedule of rates established in the following order is designed to produce annually a sum sufficient to meet operating expenses, replacement annuity, and to yield to applicant a fair return on his investment.

O R D E R

Ira Jones, owner of the Elk Grove Water Works, having made application to the Railroad Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, and the matter having been submitted,

It Is Hereby Found as a Fact that the rates now charged by Ira Jones, owner of the Elk Grove Water Works, for water supplied to his consumers are unjust and unreasonable in so far as they differ from the rates herein established, and that the rates herein established are just and reasonable rates to be charged for the service rendered; and basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and on the further statements of fact contained in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA that Ira Jones, owner of Elk Grove Water Works, be and he is hereby authorized to file with this Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of this order the following rates

to be charged for all service rendered subsequent to October 31, 1925:

FLAT RATES

Private residences	\$1.50	per month.
Commercial or industrial enterprises	1.50	" "
For irrigation of each lot measuring 80 x 160 feet or less, for each month irrigated, but not to exceed six months per year.	1.00	" "

MEASURED RATES

Minimum Monthly Charges:

5/8 and 3/4 inch meter	\$1.50
1 inch meter	3.00
1 1/2 " "	6.00
2 " "	7.50
3 " "	12.00

Each of the foregoing "minimum monthly charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that minimum will purchase at the "monthly meter rates" set out as follows:

Monthly Meter Rates:

From 0 to 500 cubic feet, per 100 cu.ft.	\$0.30
From 500 to 1500 " " " 100 "25
All over 1500 " " " 100 "15

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Ira Jones, owner of the Elk Grove Water Works, file with this Commission for its approval within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations to govern its relations with its consumers.

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 31st day of October, 1925.

H. H. Brundage

C. S. Jones

George H. Squires

Commissioners.