

Decision No. 15998

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
ARTHUR W. NICHOLLS ) Application No. 10704.  
for authorization to increase rates )  
for water at Dutch Flat, California. )

Arthur W. Nicholls, for applicant.

Marshall Z. Lowell, for protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION ON REHEARING

On May 14, 1925, this Commission rendered its Decision No. 14922 on the above entitled application establishing therein a revised and increased schedule of water rates to be charged consumers of the public utility water system owned and operated by Arthur W. Nicholls at Dutch Flat, California.

Thereafter the applicant, Arthur W. Nicholls, filed a petition for a rehearing of this proceeding, requesting the Commission to issue a further order granting certain minor modifications and changes in the rate schedule established in Decision No. 14922, to fix a more equitable distribution of the charges, principally for the use of water for irrigation of gardens and to yield a small amount of additional revenue which he contended necessary in order to return approximately the annual charges allowed by the Commission in its decision.

This rehearing was granted, and after due notice thereof given to all interested parties a public hearing was held at Dutch

Flat on September 29, 1925, before Examiner Satterwhite.

Applicant introduced additional data regarding water use on the system showing the amount and character of garden irrigation use and also setting forth the probable annual revenue which would be realized under the rates as fixed in said Decision No. 14922.

From an analysis of the above data and after a review of the evidence previously submitted in this proceeding, it appears that certain adjustments and modifications of the schedule of rates as heretofore established reasonably and properly should be made. These changes will result in more equitable irrigation charges but will not materially increase the charges to the individual consumers. Accordingly the schedule of rates as set out in the accompanying order has been designed to return approximately the annual charges of the system which the Commission had found to be reasonable and necessary.

#### ORDER ON REHEARING

Arthur W. Nicholls having made application for a rehearing of the above entitled proceeding, such rehearing having been granted, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission now being fully informed in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the order of this Commission in its Decision No. 14922, dated May 14, 1925, rendered in the above entitled proceeding be and the same is hereby modified in the following particulars:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Arthur W. Nicholls 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 water delivered

to his consumers in Dutch Flat and vicinity, in Placer County, on  
and after the first day of March, 1926:

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1.	For residences with no garden use. . . . .	\$1.15 per month.		
2.	For residences with small yard irrigated .	1.60	"	"
3.	For residences with medium yard irrigated.	1.85	"	"
4.	For residences with large yard irrigated (area not over 5,000 square feet). . . . .	2.10	"	"
	(Add for area actually irrigated over 5000 square feet, for each 250 square feet . . . . .	.05	"	" )
5.	For irrigation of garden only, not con- nected with residence charges in Items 2, 3 and 4, payable for six months (May to October inclusive):			
	Small area irrigated . . . . .	1.75	"	"
	Medium area irrigated. . . . .	2.00	"	"
	Large area irrigated (not over 5,000 square feet) . . . . .	2.25	"	"
	When area actually irrigated is over 5,000 square feet, for each addition- al 250 square feet . . . . .	.10	"	"
6.	Additional in Items 1 to 4 inclusive:			
	For each flush toilet or bath tub. . . . .	.20	"	"
	For apartments constructed and utilized in private residences, each. . . . .	.50	"	"
7.	For ordinary stores and shops, pool rooms, stables or business places . . . . .	1.50	"	"
8.	For general store, including refrigerator and ice manufacturing plant. . . . .	4.00	"	"
9.	For lodge rooms or public assembly halls with kitchen, toilet, etc. . . . .	1.50	"	"
10.	For swimming pool - payable for six months (May to October inclusive). . . . .	2.50	"	"
11.	Public school. . . . .	24.00	"	"
12.	Use of water from hydrants on community owned pipe mains for fire protection purposes and for water trough, by agree- ment . . . . .	No charge.		
13.	Use of water delivered directly from ditch:			
	For residence use only, including home garden, monthly rate same as Items 1 to 4 inclusive.			

For residence and acreage irrigation,  
per miner's inch per season, May  
1st to September 30th continuous  
flow . . . . . \$40.00  
Minimum quantity 1/4 miner's inch  
per season.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Arthur W. Nicholls  
file with the Railroad Commission within thirty (30) days from  
the date of this order revised rules and regulations governing  
service to consumers, said rules and regulations to become ef-  
fective upon acceptance for filing by the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that in all other respects  
the order and decision of this Commission, Decision No. 14922,  
rendered herein on the 14th day of May, 1925, be and the same is  
hereby affirmed.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 1926.

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Commissioners.