

Decision No. 16410.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
W. F. KIME)
for an order authorizing the exten-)
sion and conducting a water system.)

Application No. 11734.

ORIGINAL

John H. Bittner for applicant.

WEITSELL, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application W. F. Kime asks this Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system in Tract No. 5775, known as Santa Fe Heights, in Los Angeles County.

A public hearing in this matter was held in Los Angeles after all interested parties had been duly notified and given an opportunity to be present and be heard.

W. F. Kime owned certain property near the city of Artesia, in Los Angeles County, called Santa Fe Heights, which has been subdivided into lots for residential purposes. To aid the sale of these lots a water system was installed throughout the tract, water being obtained from a well by means of an automatic pump and pressure system.

In the petition filed by applicant the Commission was asked to establish a flat rate of \$2.00 per month for each domestic consumer. This rate is somewhat higher than the rates charg-

ed by other small water utilities operating in the general vicinity under similar conditions. At the hearing applicant agreed to accept whatever schedule of rates the Commission considered reasonable and proper under the circumstances. Although a meter rate was not requested by applicant, a rate for measured service will be provided for in the order herein so that in the event conditions may require the installation of meters on this system it will be unnecessary for applicant to apply to the Commission for the establishment of a rate for such service.

The evidence is not conclusive as to the necessity for a franchise or permit from the county authorities. However, in case such franchise, permit or consent shall become necessary, this Commission upon application will issue by supplemental order such other certificate to operate as may then be required.

The testimony shows that there is no other public utility supplying water to this tract and none in the immediate vicinity available or willing to undertake such service. It appears therefore that the request of applicant should be granted.

O R D E R

W. F. Kime having made application 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. F. Kime operate a public utility for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes to consumers

ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission
of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day
of April, 1926.

H. B. Roundige
C. Seaver
Emory Washburn
Leon Whitall

Commissioners.