

Decision No. 17610.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
STEARNS AND STEARNS, INCORPORATED,
a California corporation, of Long
Beach, California, for authority to
serve water to consumers in Tract
Number 6728, located in Los Angeles
County, State of California, and charge
for such water.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 13118.

N. H. Stearns, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Stearns and Stearns, Incorporated, applicant in the above entitled proceeding, a corporation whose principal business is the subdividing and marketing of real estate, asks the Railroad Commission for authority to operate a public utility water system for the purpose of serving consumers residing in Tract Number 6728, Los Angeles County, and requests the establishment of a schedule of rates for such service.

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

The evidence shows that Stearns and Stearns, Incorporated, subdivided Tract Number 6728, Los Angeles County, and to aid in the sale of lots in said tract installed a water system consisting of a ten inch well 201 feet deep, equipped with an automatic pump and pressure tank system, which supplies water to

the entire tract through distribution mains four and six inches in diameter. The tract contains 118 lots, of which nine are occupied and receiving water service at the present time. The water mains were installed in the streets before the tract was accepted by the county authorities and the streets dedicated to public use. A county franchise therefore is not necessary.

The schedule of rates proposed by applicant is the same as that charged by certain other utilities operating in the general vicinity and under like conditions.

No one appeared to protest the granting of the company's requests and there is no other public utility operating in this territory from which water can be obtained. It therefore appears that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Stearns and Stearns, Incorporated, having made application to the Railroad Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, and the Commission being now fully informed thereon,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require that Stearns and Stearns, Incorporated, operate a water system to supply water for domestic and other purposes in Tract Number 6728, Los Angeles County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Stearns and Stearns, Incorporated, be and it is hereby directed to file with this Commission within twenty (20) days from the date hereof the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water delivered to consumers on and after the thirtieth day of November, 1926:

MONTHLY FLAT RATE

Residences \$1.50

METER RATES

Monthly Quantity Rates:

For 500 cubic feet or less	\$1.50
From 500 to 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cu.ft.20
All over 2,000 " " " " " "15

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8 inch meter	\$1.50
" 3/4 " "	1.75
" 1 " "	2.75
" 1 1/2 " "	3.50
" 2 " "	6.00

Each of the foregoing "monthly minimum charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the monthly meter rate set out above.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Stearns and Stearns, Incorporated, be and it is hereby directed to file with this Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations to govern relations with consumers, such rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance for filing by this 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 12th day of November, 1926.

H. B. Sandige

C. S. Seaver

George J. ...

Frank ...

Commissioners.