

Decision No. 47859

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
FRANS NELSON AND SONS, INC.,)
for permission to operate a water) Application No. 13096.
system approximately three miles)
north of Long Beach, California.)

H. F. Nelson, for applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Frans Nelson and Sons, Inc., ask the Railroad Commission for authority to operate a public utility water system and serve domestic water to consumers in Tracts 5470, 5737, 5965, 5966, 6069 and 6229, and by amendment to the original application, to Tract 7309, all within Los Angeles County.

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 appear and be heard.

The evidence shows that Frans Nelson and Sons, Inc., are the subdividers of the above named tracts and that they installed a water system to aid in the sale of lots and to supply residents of the tract with water for domestic purposes. Water is obtained from wells and pumped into elevated tanks, from which it is distributed by gravity to the consumers. The tracts are piped with 5, 3 and 2½ inch redwood pipe, except Tract 7309, which is piped with 2½ inch iron pipe. The tracts consist of 949 lots,

of which only 209 are occupied and receiving water service.

This system has been in operation for three years. Under the terms of the contract of sale, Frans Nelson and Sons., Inc., agreed to furnish water up to January, 1926, at a price of 50 cents per lot, regardless of whether a house was built or water connection made. Subsequent to January 1, 1926, a flat rate of \$1.50 per month has been charged to each consumer of water. The water mains have been installed on easements over the back of the lots or in streets prior to their acceptance by the county officials, therefore a county franchise has not been obtained.

Applicants request permission to charge a flat rate of \$1.50 per month, which is the rate now in effect. This rate compares favorably with the rates charged by other water utilities operating in the near vicinity and under like conditions.

No one appeared to protest the granting of the application herein, and as there is no other public utility in the immediate vicinity from which water can be obtained for the above tracts, it appears that the application should be granted.

ORDER

Frans Nelson and Sons., Inc., having made application to the Railroad Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised thereon,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require that Frans Nelson and Sons., Inc., operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other uses in Tracts 5470, 5737, 5965, 5966, 6069, 6229 and 7309, Los Angeles County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Frans Nelson and Sons, Inc., be and they are hereby directed to file with this Commission, within twenty (20) days from the date hereof the following rate to be charged for all water delivered to consumers subsequent to November 30, 1926:

FLAT RATE

For all residences, per month, each . . . \$1.50

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Frans Nelson and Sons, Inc., be and they are hereby directed to file with this Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations to govern their relations with consumers, such rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance 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 19th day of November, 1926.

H. B. Bourdage

O. C. Seaman

Ernest G. Galt

Leonard A. Whittell

Paul S. Brown

Commissioners.