

Decision No. 18250.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I. COLODNY and L. L. COLODNY, a partnership, to secure a certifi- cate of public convenience and necessity.)))))	Application No. 13384.
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I. Colodny, for applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding I. Colodny and L. L. Colodny, a partnership, engaged in the business of subdividing a tract of land in Los Angeles County known as Independence Acres and officially designated as Tract No. 8451, make application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a public utility the water system which has been installed to supply the residents in said tract and also for an order establishing a schedule of metered rates to be charged for the service to be rendered.

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

The testimony shows that this water system was installed about 1924 by I. Colodny and L. L. Colodny in order to promote the sale of lots in Tract 8451, which contains about 300 acres subdivided largely into acre and fractional acre lots and is located on the Ventura highway about 30 miles from the City Plaza in Los Angeles. To date about 136 lots have been sold and service

of water is being rendered without charge to 36 metered consumers.

The present source of water supply is obtained from a 12" well 226 feet deep, equipped with a Meyers deep well turbine pump operated by a 6 horse-power Fairbanks-Morse gas engine, and a dug well 14 by 20 feet by 33 feet deep, equipped with a Luitwieler triplex pump and 10 horse-power Fairbanks-Morse coal-oil engine. The water is pumped directly into the distribution mains consisting of about 9100 lineal feet of 5-inch and 4-inch screw casing re-dipped and 425 lineal feet of 1-inch standard screw pipe. Delivery of water is regulated by a 10,000 gallon wooden tank and a 6,000 gallon galvanized iron tank. There is also another well about 1,000 feet deep and 9 inches in diameter, at present non-operative and held as a reserve supply.

Applicants' Exhibit No. 1 filed at the hearing sets out the total original cost of this water system as \$17,020.11, exclusive of the cost of the non-operative well.

The roads and streets in this tract have not been accepted as public thoroughfares by the County authorities, and therefore a franchise is not necessary at this time. No other public utility serves water in or near this tract, and as no one appeared to oppose the application it appears that the request should be granted. This tract is at present only sparsely settled and is now in the initial stages of development. For this reason a full return upon the investment cannot be expected and would place an unreasonable burden upon the present consumers. The rate schedule established in the following order compares favorably with the rates in effect on other similar utilities operating in the general vicinity in Los Angeles County.

O R D E R

I. Colodny and L. L. Colodny, a partnership, having made application to this Commission as entitled above, a public

hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require that I. Colodny and L. L. Colodny, a partnership, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and irrigation purposes in Tract No. 8451, also known as Independence Acres, in Los Angeles County, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that I. Colodny and L. L. Colodny, a partnership, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to file with this Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this order the following schedule of metered rates, effective for all water delivered to consumers on and after the first day of May, 1927:

METER RATES

Minimum Monthly Charges:

For 5/8 inch meter	\$1.50
For 3/4 inch meter	2.00
For 1 inch meter	3.00
For 1 1/2 inch meter	4.50
For 2 inch meter	6.50

Each of the foregoing "minimum monthly charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that minimum monthly charge will purchase at the following "monthly quantity rates."

Monthly Quantity Rates:

0 to 500 cubic feet, per 100 cu.ft.	\$1.50
500 to 1500 " " " 100 "	.25
1500 to 3000 " " " 100 "	.20
3000 to 5000 " " " 100 "	.15
Over 5000 " " " 100 "	.13

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that I. Colodny and L. L. Colodny, a partnership, be and they are hereby directed to file with this Commission within thirty (30) days of 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 the 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 18th day of April, 1927.

Edmund West
H. A. R. ...
Chamney
Leon ...
Howard ...
Commissioners.