

Decision No. 18527

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
MRS. E.A. BALL (NELLIE S. BALL) for
Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity.

Application No. 13662.

E. A. Ball, for Applicant.

WHITSELL, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In this application Mrs. E.A. Ball asks this Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of a water system in Weed, Siskiyou County.

A public hearing in this matter was held at Weed after due notice thereof had been given so that all interested parties might appear and be heard.

The testimony shows that Mrs. E.A. Ball is the owner of a water system located within a subdivision known as the "Third Addition to the Morris Tract" in Section 26, Township 42 North, Range 5 West, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, adjacent to the unincorporated town of Weed, in Siskiyou County.

The water supply is obtained by pumping from a well located on a lot owned by applicant within the tract, and is distributed to the consumers through mains consisting of two and one-inch galvanized iron pipe. Pressure is maintained by means of a 525-gallon steel, pressure tank. At present there are sixty consumers being served with water for domestic purposes. No other large source of water supply is available.

Applicant has been operating this system for a period of

about one year and, although having a franchise for the construction and operation of a water works, obtained from the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County under date of January 4, 1927, has never applied to the Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The rates charged were filed with this Commission in November, 1926, but were not accepted because no authority had been granted by this Commission for the operation of the system as a public utility.

No one appeared to oppose the granting of the application, and, as there is no other public utility operating in the territory served by applicant and no other water supply available to the consumers, it appears that a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be granted. The rates now being charged on this system are reasonable under the existing conditions of operation and will be established in the order herein.

The following form of order is submitted:

ORDER

Application having been made to this Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being now fully informed in the matter,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require that Mrs. E.A. Ball operate a water system in, and in the vicinity of the Third Addition to the Morris Tract located in Section 26, Township 42 North, Range 5 West, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, adjacent to the unincorporated Town of Weed, in Siskiyou County, California.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mrs. E.A. Ball be and is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission of the State of California within thirty (30) days from the date of this order the

following schedule of rates to be charged for all water delivered to consumers, effective upon the date of the order herein.

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

For one house-----\$ 1.75
Each additional house or apartment on the same premises----- 1.25
All other uses to be charged for at meter rates.

MONTHLY METER RATES

500 cubic feet or less-----\$ 1.75
500 to 1,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- .20
All in excess of 1,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-- .15

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES

5/8 inch meter-----\$ 1.75

Each of the foregoing monthly minimum charges will entitle the consumer to the amount of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the "Monthly Meter Rates" set out above.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Mrs. E.A. Ball be and is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this order rules and regulations governing the distribution of water to consumers, such rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance by this Commission.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of

January, 1927.

Ernest Deeds
H. B. Brundage
C. Seamy
Leon Whittell
John S. Rowlett