Decision No. 18591

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of YSIDRO MEDINA for leave to discontinue service.

Application No. 13806.

Ysidro Medina, Applicant, in Propris Persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OBINION

This is an application by Ysidro Medina for authority to disontinue the operation of his public utility water system, which supplies domestic service to approximately twenty-seven residents located in Blocks 12 and 13, Lynwood Park Tract, Los Angeles County.

The applicant alleges in effect that the Lynwood Park Iract is supplied with water by the Lynwood Park Mutual Water Company; that the consumers now supplied by applicant were all former owners of stock in the above mutual water company and entitled to water service therefrom and may again receive water from said mutual water company, provided they redeem their delinquent stock therein. Applicant further alleges that the City of Compton has its municipal water mains installed within a very short distance, from which it is believed water service also may be obtained; wherefore, the Commission is asked to authorize applicant to discontinue his public utility water service.

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

From the evidence, it appears that in 1922 the residents of Blocks 12 and 13, Lynwood Park Tract, refused to pay certain assessments levied by the Lynwood Park Mutual Water Company, whereupon this company refused to furnish them with water.

Mr. Medina, applicant herein, had a good well and pumping equipment upon his own property and, to assist his neighbors, offered to supply them with water until such a time as they could secure water from some other source. Immediately, thereafter, he made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system, which was granted in Decision No. 11040, dated September 29, 1922.

There are now about twenty-seven consumers served by this system and applicant states that he is unable to supply the demand for water service without financial loss. The evidence shows that for the first five months of 1927 the operating expenses for this system amounted to \$123.78, whereas the total gross revenues received for the same period were only \$61.87. The entire tract in which applicant's consumers live is already supplied by the Lynwood Park Mutual Water Company and all of these consumers can again receive water from this company by the payment of \$10.00 for a share of stock and \$5.00 for service connection. Water is also available from the municipal water system of the City of Compton which has agreed to extend its water service to applicant's consumers, provided they advance the necessary installation costs of such extension.

From the evidence presented in this matter, it is apparent that this utility is now operating at a considerable financial loss and has no immediate prospect of being able to improve existing conditions. In view of the fact that no one made any protest against the discontinuance of this service and

as the testimony shows that practically all of the consumers now served by this utility have already applied to the Lynwood Mutual Water Company for service, it appears that applicant's request should be granted.

ORDER

Ysidro Medina having made application to the Railroad Commission for permission to discontinue the public utility service of water in Blocks 12 and 13, Lynwood Park Tract, Los Angeles County, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Ysidro Medina be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue, on or after the thirtieth day of July, 1927, the service of water to all his consumers in Blocks 12 and 13, Lynwood Park Tract, Los Angeles County, and thereafter stand relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection therewith, upon the following terms and conditions:

- (1) That Ysidro Medina, within ten (10) days from the date of this order, notify in writing each of his consumers of his intention to discontinue service of water on the thirtieth day of July, 1927.
- (2) That, within ten (10) days after such notice NaS Deen given, Ysidro Medina shall file with this Commission a certified statement to the effect that such notice has been duly given.

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 Jay

of July -, 1927.

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Commissioners.