

ORIGINAL

Decision No. ~~13312~~

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of KATHRYN B.H. McGEOGHEGAN for  
permission to operate a water  
system on lands adjacent to rail-  
road station known as "Opal" in  
County of Santa Cruz, State of  
California.

Application No. 14216.

J.T. McGeoghegan, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Kathryn B.H. McGeoghegan asks this Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of a water system to supply water for domestic and other purposes to consumers in "Opal Sub-division No. 1" and certain other adjoining unsubdivided lands, all located adjacent to Capitola, Santa Cruz County.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Rowell at Santa Cruz after all interested parties had been notified and given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

The evidence shows that the present water system was installed about the year 1925 for the purpose of furnishing water to consumers in a subdivision known as "Opal Subdivision No. 1", located adjacent to Capitola. The water is obtained by pumping from a 10-inch well, 198 feet deep, from which it is elevated into a 5,000-gallon redwood tank on a 50-foot tower.

The water is then distributed by gravity through approximately 7,336 feet of mains varying from six to two inches in diameter. There are, at present, about ten service connections, all of which are unmetered. There are four other wells in the area owned by applicant which are available for utility purposes and which can be utilized to augment the present source of supply when the service demands of new consumers require an additional supply of water.

The streets or roads in which the pipe lines are installed have not yet been dedicated to the public and no franchise, or other permit, from the county authorities is necessary for the purposes of this proceeding.

At the hearing, the application was amended to include a request for authority to charge a flat rate of \$1.50 per month and a minimum meter charge of \$1.50 per month. The evidence indicates that applicant is financially able to operate the water system and no one protested against the request of applicant. No other public utility water system is furnishing water to this area and, as the rates requested are practically identical to those charged by similar water systems operating in the general vicinity, it appears that the application for a certificate and the authority to charge the schedule of rates substantially as requested should be granted.

O R D E R

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require that Kathryn B.H. McGeoghegan operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes to consumers residing in "Opal Subdivision No. 1" and other lands adjacent thereto, all lying within the following boundaries:

That portion of Rancho Arroyo Del Rodeo adjacent to Capitola about four miles east of the City of Santa Cruz and bounded on the north by Fairview Avenue (or Lower Soquel Road), on the west by Forty-first Avenue, on the south by Bay of Monterey and on the east by Bay of Monterey and Forty-ninth Avenue, in the County of Santa Cruz.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Kathryn B.H. McGeoghegan be and she is hereby authorized to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered on and after the first day of March, 1928:

RATE SCHEDULE

FLAT RATES

For each service connection-----\$1.50 per mo.

METER RATES

Minimum Monthly Charges:

5/8 x 3/4-inch meter-----	\$1.50	per	mo.
3/4-inch meter-----	2.00	"	"
1-inch meter-----	3.00	"	"
1 1/2-inch meter-----	4.50	"	"
2-inch meter-----	6.00	"	"

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 600	cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----	\$0.25
Next 1,400	cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----	.20
Over 2,000	cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----	.15

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Kathryn B.H. McGeoghegan be and she is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations governing service to her consumers, said 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1928.

Leon Whidell

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John D. Brown

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Commissioners.