

Decision No. 19772

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Investigation
on the Commission's own motion of
the reasonableness of the rates,
charges, practices, contracts, rules,
regulations, schedules and conditions
of service, or any of them, of
HUNTINGTON BEACH WATER COMPANY, a
corporation, engaged in the business
of supplying water to the inhabitants
of the City of Huntington Beach and
adjacent communities, Orange County,
California.

Case No. 2499.

S. M. Haskins, for Huntington Beach Water
Company.

A. J. Thedieck, City Attorney, for City of
Huntington Beach.

CARR, COMMISSIONER:

OPINION

This proceeding was instituted by the Commission upon its own motion to determine if defendant company has been receiving an unreasonably high rate of return upon its public utility operations under its established schedule of rates.

At the preliminary hearing held herein, defendant voluntarily submitted a substantially reduced schedule of rates which was approved and made effective as of March 1, 1928, by the Commission in its ad interim order in Decision No. 19426, dated February 29, 1928.

At the hearing referred to the City of Huntington Beach, by its officials, indicated that its interest lay in obtaining a better fire service for the protection of the city and its inhabitants. On May 8th there was filed a stipulation between the City of Huntington Beach and the Company reciting that arrange-

ments mutually agreeable to the parties respecting fire service had been reached and agreeing that, as to them, this proceeding might be dismissed. In view of the lower rates already made effective and this stipulation, I am of the opinion that it is unnecessary to pursue this investigation further.

I recommend the following order:

O R D E R

Good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled proceeding be and the same is hereby dismissed.

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 17th
day of May, 1928.

Leon Whitell
Chas. J. Smith
John D. Lattin
M. J. Cava
Commissioners.