

Decision No. 19929

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of GEORGEANNA SULLIVAN for authority to establish meter rates for the sale of water.	Application No. 14640.
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Philip J. Neerager, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by Georgeanna Sullivan, owner of the Shastina Water Works, alleging in effect that water is being wasted by consumers under the flat rates now in effect; that applicant's water supply is insufficient during the summer months to fully meet the needs of consumers under flat rate service conditions; that the water supply is adequate if not wasted and that it is the intention and desire of applicant to meter the system. Wherefore, applicant asks the Commission to establish a schedule of rates for meter service.

A public hearing was held in the above entitled proceeding before Examiner Gannon at Weed, Siskiyou County.

This water system was installed about 1910 for the purpose of supplying water to the Town of Shastina. The source of water supply is two springs which flow approximately 0.64 second-feet. A part of the water supply is pumped into a concrete reservoir. Delivery is made from this reservoir and from Spring No. 1 by gravity through approximately 28,185 feet of pipe, ranging

from ten inches to three-quarters of an inch in diameter to 263 consumers. The rates now in effect were filed with this Commission on October 21, 1925, and are as follows:

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

Large Hotels-----	\$11.00
Small Hotels-----	3.50
Meat Markets, large-----	8.50
Meat Markets, small-----	5.00
Barber Shops-----	3.50
Private Residences-----	1.25
Extra for bath-----	.25
Extra for toilet-----	.50
Pool Rooms-----	3.00
Garages-----	3.25
General Merchandise Stores-----	3.00
Confectionery Stores-----	1.75
Jewelry Stores-----	1.25
Restaurants-----	4.00
China Laundry-----	5.00

D.E. Harroun, one of the Commission's assistant engineers, estimated the original cost of the plant at \$22,920., the replacement annuity, computed by the 5% sinking fund method, to be \$508., and estimated the reasonable future operating and maintenance expenses to be \$3,024.

The revenues received for the year 1927 amounted to \$5,118., resulting in a net return of 6.9% based upon the foregoing figures.

The conditions of water supply and use of water existing on this system indicate that the installation of meters will reduce any possible carelessness in the use of water and make the available water supply more stable and dependable. A schedule of meter rates therefore will be established in the following order, designed to produce revenues comparable to the flat rates now in effect.

ORDER

Georgeanna Sullivan, operating under the fictitious

firm name and style of Shastina Water Works, having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order establishing meter rates to be charged for water service furnished to consumers in and in the vicinity of the Town of Shastina, Siskiyou County, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being now fully informed in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the rates now charged by said Georgeanna Sullivan for water delivered to her consumers, in so far as they differ from the rates herein established, are unjust and unreasonable and that the rates herein established are just and reasonable rates to be charged for the service rendered, and basing its order upon the foregoing findings of fact and upon the statements of fact contained in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA that said Georgeanna Sullivan be and she is hereby authorized and directed 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 subsequent to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1928:

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

Large Hotels-----	\$11.00
Small Hotels-----	3.50
Meat Markets, large-----	8.50
Meat Markets, small-----	5.00
Barber Shops-----	3.50
Private Residences-----	1.25
Extra for bath-----	.25
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Pool Rooms-----	3.00
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General Merchandise Stores-----	3.00
Confectionery Stores-----	1.75
Jewelry Stores-----	1.25
Restaurants-----	4.00
China Laundry-----	5.00

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

5/8 x 3/4-inch meter-----	\$1.50
3/4-inch meter-----	2.00
1-inch meter-----	2.50
1 1/2-inch meter-----	3.50
2-inch meter-----	5.00

Monthly Quantity Rates:

From 0 to 600 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$ .25
Next 900 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.20
Next 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.15
All over 3,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.10

Any consumer is entitled to metered service upon application therefor and the utility may meter any and all service connections.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that said Georgeanna Sullivan be and she is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, revised rules and regulations to cover the distribution of water to consumers, said rules and regulations to become effective upon 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1928.

Leon Whittell  
Chairman  
Thomas J. Powell  
M. J. Curran  
 Commissioners.