

Decision No. 70005

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of the Application of
LAKE LURING LIGHT & WATER COMPANY
for authorization and permission to
furnish water to certain properties
and to charge certain rates therefor.

Application No. 14670.

Sherman & Sherman, by Austin Sherman,
for Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Homer D. Luring and Raymond A. Luring, operating under the fictitious name and style of Lake Luring Light & Water Company, make application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of a water system furnishing water for domestic and other purposes to inhabitants of certain properties in Running Springs Park in the San Bernardino Mountains, San Bernardino County.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Gannon at San Bernardino.

The evidence shows that the present water system was installed in 1925 for the purpose of furnishing water to consumers in certain tracts of a subdivision known as Running Springs Park. This tract lies in the San Bernardino Mountains about eighteen miles from San Bernardino and is located at the intersection of City Creek Road to Big Bear Lake and the road from

Arrowhead Lake to Big Bear Lake. Water is obtained from a spring flowing into a 12,000-gallon reservoir from which it is pumped into a redwood tank of 10,000 gallons capacity, situated on the hillside about 150 feet higher in elevation. The water is then distributed by gravity through approximately 20,000 feet of galvanized screw pipe varying from two inches to three-quarters of an inch in size. There are, at present, about forty-two service connections, all of which are unmetered. There are other springs in the area owned by applicants which are available for public utility purposes and which can be utilized to augment the present source of supply when the service demands of the 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 install meters and the establishment of corresponding meter rates.

No other utility serves water in the vicinity, and no one appeared to oppose the granting of the certificate. However, the evidence indicates that the distribution system as at present laid out consists principally of 3/4-inch and 1-inch mains, entirely too small for adequate service under any but the most favorable conditions. While the existing consumers may be able to receive some service at present because of their small number, yet any substantial increase in demand will overload the mains beyond their capacities, resulting in most unsatisfactory conditions. This certificate therefore will be granted only upon the condition that the distribution mains be increased in size to not less than two inches in diameter, to-

gether with certain other improvements set out in the following order.

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 requires and will require that Homer D. Luring and Raymond A. Luring, operating under the fictitious name and style of Lake Luring Light & Water Company, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes to inhabitants of three certain adjoining tracts of land in that subdivision known as Running Springs Park, situated at the intersection of City Creek Road to Big Bear Lake and the road from Arrowhead Lake to Big Bear Lake, and more particularly described as follows:

Running Springs Park Tract No. 1847 as per map recorded in Book 27, pp. 38-39 of Maps, records of San Bernardino County; also Tract No. 2276 as per map recorded in Map Book 33, pp. 42-43, records of San Bernardino County, California; also Tract No. 2181, as per map recorded in Book 32, pp. 59 of Maps, records of San Bernardino County, California.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Homer D. Luring and Raymond A. Luring be and they are 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 August, 1928:

RATE SCHEDULE

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

Residences on one lot-----	\$1.25
Additional for septic tank in connection with residence---	.75
For each additional lot on which water is used for domestic, lawn or garden irrigation purposes-----	1.00
Stores and shops-----	2.00

METERED RATES

Minimum Monthly Charges:

For 5/8 X 3/4-inch meter-----	\$1.50
For 3/4-inch meter-----	2.00
For 1-inch meter-----	2.75
For 1 1/2-inch meter-----	3.50
For 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:

First 500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$.30
Next 2,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.25
Next 3,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.20
Over 6,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.15

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 Homer D. Luring and Raymond A. Luring be and they are hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations governing service to their consumers, said rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance for filing by this Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall become effective only upon compliance with the following terms and conditions:

1. Homer D. Luring and Raymond A. Luring shall file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this

order, a certificate from the State Board of Health showing the source of water supply to be safe from pollution and contamination injurious to the human health.

2. Homer D. Luring and Raymond A. Luring shall file with this Commission, within sixty (60) days from the date of this order and subject to approval by this Commission, plans for the improvement of the distribution facilities of their water system, said improvements to include, among other things, the installation of distribution mains of not less than two inches internal diameter throughout all parts of the system where mains of less than two inches in diameter have been installed, and the installation of either auxiliary pumping equipment of adequate capacity or additional storage facilities, or both, said improvements to be installed and in proper working order in a manner satisfactory to this Commission on or before the first day of April, 1929.

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 27th day of July, 1928.

C. J. Luring

R. A. Luring

H. D. Luring

M. A. Luring

 Commissioners.