

Decision No. 20030

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of the Application of
E.J. WHITNEY to have certain water sys-
tem now being operated in Tract 4782,
Los Angeles County, State of California,
declared a public utility and a certifi-
cate issued therefor.

Application No. 14702.

M.M. Holman, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application, E.J. Whitney asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a domestic water system to supply water to the residents of Tract No. 4782, Los Angeles County. The Commission is also requested to establish a certain schedule of rates set out in the application for the service to be rendered.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Satterwhite in Los Angeles.

According to the evidence, this water system was installed originally by J.D. Millar Realty Co. to aid in the sale of lots in the above mentioned tract, which was placed on the market in 1923 and consisted of 112 lots. There are at present 15 consumers on the system, and present conditions indicate little possibility of many new consumers on the tract. Applicant acquired title to the water system from the former owner several years ago, since which time he has been serving water without charge to the users, but now desires to operate as a

public utility.

The water supply is obtained from a deep well and delivered into an elevated tank located thirty feet above ground, from which it is distributed to its point of use. The pumping equipment, consisting of a small plunger pump originally operated by a windmill, is not adequate to take care of many additional services. However, at the rate of development during the past four years, the present equipment may be considered adequate at this time. Applicant expressed a willingness to enlarge the facilities at any time increased demand may so require. The system has recently been improved by increasing the elevation of the tank and installing larger mains at a cost of approximately \$1,000., and this has resulted in giving the present consumers a reasonably adequate service.

Applicant filed as Exhibit No. 1 a letter from J.D. Millar Realty Co. stating that the pipe lines had been installed prior to the dedication of the streets to the public use, making it unnecessary at this time to secure a franchise. There is no other utility supplying water in the immediate vicinity, and no one protested against the granting of this application. It therefore appears that the certificate should be granted. The schedule of rates proposed by applicant is higher than reasonably warranted by the conditions of service. The rates established in the following order will be more fair and equitable under existing circumstances.

O R D E R

E.J. Whitney having made application as entitled above, 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
 that E.J. Whitney operate a water system for the purpose of sup-
 plying water for domestic and other purposes in Tract No. 4782,
 Los Angeles County, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that E.J. Whitney be and he is
 hereby authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commis-
 sion of the State of California, 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 First day
 of August, 1928:

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES FOR METERED USE

5/8-inch meter-----	\$1.50
3/4-inch meter-----	1.75
1-inch meter-----	2.50
1 1/2-inch meter-----	3.75
2-inch meter-----	5.50

QUANTITY RATES PER CUBIC FOOT

0 to 500 cubic feet	\$.30
Next 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.20
Over 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.10

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

- (a) Residence of five rooms or less-----\$1.50
- For each additional room----- .10
- (b) Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns,
 shrubbery, trees, garden, etc.,
 per 100 square feet----- .05

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that E.J. Whitney be and
 he is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission,
 within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and
 regulations governing the distribution of water to his con-
 sumers, said rules and regulations to become effective upon

their acceptance for filing by the 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 11th day of July, 1928.

Leon Whittell

Clarence

Emmerson

Thos. R. Hutton

M. J. Lee

Commissioners.