

Decision No. 20166

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of DOMENICO ROVAI for permission to change schedule of water rates.	} Application No. 14653.
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Eugene S. Selvage, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Domenico Rovai, who owns and operates a public utility water system serving consumers in the Town of Wildwood, Humboldt County, alleges that it is now necessary to augment his water supply by pumping during a portion of the summer months, thus increasing his operating expenses, and, for this reason, the Commission is asked to modify his present schedule of monthly meter rates as follows:

266 cubic feet, or less-----	\$1.50
All over 266 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet---	.20

No change in the existing flat rates is requested.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Williams at Wildwood on June 27, 1928.

The present schedule of rates was established December 11, 1925, by the Commission in its Decision No. 15744 and is as follows:

FLAT RATES

Residences-----	\$1.50 per month
Hotels and Commercial Boarding-houses-----	4.00 per month
Stores and Shops-----	2.00 per month
Other Commercial Use according to Amount of Water-----	1.50 to 4.00 per. month

MEASURED RATES

Minimum Monthly Charges:

5/8 and 3/4-inch meters-----	\$1.50
1-inch meters-----	3.00
1½-inch meters-----	6.00
2-inch meters-----	7.50
3-inch meters-----	12.00

Each of the foregoing minimum monthly charges will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that minimum will purchase at the monthly meter rates set out as follows:

MONTHLY METER RATES

0 to 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.20
All over 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	0.15

For a more complete description of the system and its operating methods, reference is hereby made to the above Decision No. 15744.

The evidence in this proceeding shows that, while the operating costs have somewhat increased since the establishment of the present rate schedule by the Commission, the growth of the community served has also resulted in increasing the revenues. The small amount of pumping necessary to augment the water supply during the summer months is not sufficient to greatly increase operating expenses. However, it is clear that the amount of water allowed in the present schedule of rates for the minimum monthly payment of \$1.50 is greater than conditions at present warrant. A reduction will be made in this amount which will be equitable under existing circumstances. However, it should be pointed out at this time that the small

quantity of 266 cubic feet, as requested by applicant herein, is wholly insufficient and unreasonable. The following schedule of rates will provide for an allowance of 600 cubic feet per month for the minimum monthly charge established for 5/8-inch by 3/4-inch meters.

O R D E R

Domenico Rovai having made application as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the rates now charged by Domenico Rovai for water supplied to his consumers are unjust and unreasonable in so far as they differ from the rates herein established and that the rates herein established are just and reasonable rates for the rendering of such service, and basing its order upon the foregoing finding of facts and upon the statements of facts contained in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Domenico Rovai be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, the following schedule of rates for all water delivered to his consumers subsequent to the 31st day of August, 1928:

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

Residences-----	\$1.50
Hotels and Commercial Boarding-houses-----	4.00
Stores and Shops-----	2.00
Other Commercial Use according to Amount of Water----	1.50 to 4.00

METER RATESMinimum Monthly Charges:

5/8 x 3/4-inch meters-----	\$1.50
3/4-inch meters-----	2.00
1-inch meters-----	3.00
1 1/2-inch meters-----	6.00
2-inch meters-----	7.50
3-inch meters-----	12.00

Each of the foregoing minimum monthly charges will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that minimum will purchase at the following "Monthly Quantity Rates":

MONTHLY QUANTITY RATES

From 0 to 600 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.25
Next 900 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.20
All over 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.15

Meters may be installed at the request of any consumer or at the option of the utility.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Domenico Rovai file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, revised rules and regulations governing the service to his 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 29th day of August, 1928.

C. S. ...

James ...

John ...

 Commissioners