

Decision No. 20487

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
R.W. SPARLING, INC., for a certificate
of public convenience and necessity
entitling the applicant to operate a
water pumping and distributing system.

Application No. 14717.

Maurice C. Sparling, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled proceeding, R.W. Sparling, Inc., asked for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a domestic water system to supply water to the inhabitants of Tracts Nos. 5664, 8319 and 8859 in Los Angeles County. A schedule of rates to be charged for such service was also requested.

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

This water system was installed by applicant to aid in the sale of property in the above tracts comprising approximately 400 lots located in Topanga Canyon. The lots are of various sizes and are being sold for week-end and summer vacation cabin sites. At the present time, approximately 150 lots are improved.

The water supply is obtained from springs and a deep well which, together, produce approximately 3,000 gallons per minute. This supply is adequate to furnish the present demands of the tracts for water and will supply additional lots under conservative use. The territory served has a range of approxi-

mately 1,200 feet in elevation. A large part of the water has to be lifted 320 feet from a well and then raised an additional 400 feet to an upper storage tank. The variation in elevation of the area served and the depth of the water-table render the service costly and difficult.

The pipe system was installed prior to the dedication of the streets and alleys to the public, making it unnecessary to secure a county franchise.

No protests were made against the granting of this certificate and no other public utility is serving water in or in the immediate vicinity of the territory involved herein.

Applicant has stated that it does not expect a full return upon its investment in the water system at this time. The schedule of rates submitted for this class of summer resort and week-end service will be modified as set out in the following order.

O R D E R

R.W. Sparling, Inc., having made application as above entitled, 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 R.W. Sparling, Inc., construct and operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic purposes in Tracts Nos. 5664, 8319 and 8859, Los Angeles County, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that R.W. Sparling, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commission 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 thirty-first day of August, 1928:

FLAT RATE SCHEDULE

	: Annual Charge :	: Annual Charge :	: For each Ad- :
	: _____ :	: _____ :	: ditional Month :
	: _____ :	: _____ :	: in Calendar :
	: For Six-Month :	: For Year :	: Year in excess :
	: Term Payable :	: Payable in :	: of Six-Month :
	: in Advance :	: Advance :	: Term :

Dwellings of not over three rooms, occupied by single family-----	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$1.50
For each additional room-----	2.00	3.00	.25
Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, trees or gardens, per square yard of surface actually irrigated-----	.05	.07	.005

METER RATES

Minimum Charge:

5/8-inch Meter-----	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$1.50
3/4-inch Meter-----	18.00	27.00	2.25
1-inch Meter-----	24.00	36.00	3.00
1 1/2-inch Meter-----	36.00	54.00	4.50
2-inch Meter-----	72.00	108.00	9.00

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

METER QUANTITY RATES

From 400 to 1,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.40
Next 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	0.35
All over 2,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	0.25

The minimum charges shall entitle the consumer to 400 cubic feet of water per month for each month of the six-month's and twelve-month's terms and for all minimum charges in excess of \$12.00; such excess amount shall, in addition to the above 400 cubic feet per month, entitle the consumer to that amount of water which said excess amount will purchase at the quantity rates set out above. All water in excess of 400 cubic feet per month shall be charged for monthly under the above meter quantity rates.

