

Decision No. 20413

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of
The Capitola Company for the Issuance
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity and the Fixing of Rates.

Application No. 14969.

Thomas W. Mellon, for The Capitola Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by The Capitola Company, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to supply water to consumers in Sea Cliff Park near Capitola, in Santa Cruz County.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held at Capitola before Examiner Satterwhite.

This system was originally installed as part of the development of a real estate subdivision near Capitola. No charges as yet have been made for water service now being rendered to approximately 50 consumers. The area served comprises a subdivision known as the Aptos Terrace fronting on the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Highway for a distance of 2.3 miles and also a subdivision called Sea Cliff Park fronting on the Pacific Ocean for a distance of 3 miles. The territory intervening between Aptos Terrace and Sea Cliff Park is also included in the service area but as yet is undeveloped.

The water supply is obtained from four wells located

on the tract and is delivered directly into the distribution system by electrically-driven equipment. Excess water is stored in two wooden storage tanks with a combined capacity of 25,000 gallons. The distribution system contains about 38,860 lineal feet of pipe ranging from three-quarters of an inch to six inches in diameter.

Applicant formerly operated the water and electric utilities at Capitola and testimony shows that it has ample financial means for taking care of both present and future requirements of this system. No one appeared to oppose the granting of the application and, as there is no other public utility operating in the applicant's territory and no other means exist whereby the public may be supplied with water, the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be granted.

The evidence indicates that the service will be mainly summer resort in character. For this reason, applicant desires a seasonal rate to be charged for water service. The rates set out in the accompanying order, while somewhat lower than the rate suggested by applicant, are similar to those used by other utilities operating in the general locality and rendering a similar service, and should prove adequate under the conditions obtaining on this system.

O R D E R

Application having been made to this Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission now being fully informed in the premises,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require that The Capitola Company, a corporation, operate a water system in and in the vicinity of Sea Cliff Park, adjacent to Capitola, Santa Cruz County, as such territory is more particularly set out and delineated on that certain map filed and marked Applicant's Exhibit No. 1 in the record of this proceeding.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Capitola Company be and it is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission of the State of California, within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water delivered to consumers, effective upon the date of the order herein:

METER RATES

Minimum Annual Charges
providing for service
for eight consecutive months.

The following minimum annual charges, payable in advance, entitle the consumer to the maximum quantity of water for each month of a period of eight consecutive months in any calendar year as indicated by the size of meter used.

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Maximum Allowance</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8"x3/4"	500 cubic feet	\$12.00
3/4"	900 cubic feet	20.00
1"	1,100 cubic feet	24.00
1 1/2"	1,400 cubic feet	30.00
2"	2,400 cubic feet	50.00
3"	4,400 cubic feet	90.00

All use during other months, 500 cubic feet or less, per month-----\$ 1.50

Monthly Quantity Rates

For quantities of water per month in excess of 500 cubic feet and under 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet---\$ 0.25
Over 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- 0.20

Public Use Charges

Fire Hydrant, on 3-inch mains and larger, annual charge--\$18.00
 Street sprinkling and sewer flushing, by tank wagon
 measurement or meter, per 100 cubic feet----- 0.20

Construction Use

When metered, at the regular monthly quantity rates.

Flat Rates:

For each barrel of cement or lime used-----\$ 0.10
 For each 1,000 bricks laid----- 0.10
 For grading street and road work, per 100 square feet-- 0.10
 Settling fills and back filling trenches,
 per cubic yard of trench or embankment----- 0.048

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that The Capitola Company be and it is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations to govern the distribution of water to its 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 30th day of October, 1928.

Leon Whitell

C. Cheney

Thos D. Roach

M. J. Lee
 Commissioners.