

Decision No. 20481

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
ROBERT HICKS for a certificate of  
public convenience and necessity to  
operate a public utility water sys-  
tem in Tract Number 7700, Los Angeles  
County.

**ORIGINAL**  
Application No. 15010.

Frank Daugherty, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application, Robert Hicks asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system to supply water to Tract No. 7700, near El Monte, Los Angeles County. The Commission is also asked to establish the rates to be charged for the service rendered and a suggested rate schedule is attached to the application.

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

The testimony shows that applicant has purchased a water system from J.D. Millar Realty Company, which was installed to aid in the sale of lots. The tract consists of 166 lots and water is now being served free of charge to thirty-three consumers. The system was installed prior to the dedication of the streets and the county has not required a franchise.

The water is obtained from an eight-inch well approximately 135 feet deep and is distributed in connection with an automatic pressure system. A pressure varying from 25 to 40

pounds is maintained in the mains. The system is of ample capacity to supply the present needs of the consumers and will also provide service for considerable additional demand. Applicant is financially able to carry on this public utility business and to make any improvements that may reasonably be required to better the service. There is no other utility operating in the immediate vicinity and no one protested the granting of the application. The schedule of rates proposed by applicant appears reasonable when compared with the rates of other utilities operating under similar conditions in the general vicinity and will be authorized in the following order.

Applicant testified that he would not urge before this Commission or any other public body a value for franchise rights in excess of the actual costs thereof.

#### O R D E R

Robert Hicks 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 and will require that Robert Hicks operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes in Trace No. 7700, Los Angeles County, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Robert Hicks be and he 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 30th

day of November, 1928:

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

For house of 5 rooms, or less-----	\$ 1.50
For each additional room-----	.10
For sprinkling lawns, gardens or shrubbery, per 100 square feet-----	.05

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8-inch meter-----	\$ 1.50
For 3/4-inch meter-----	2.00
For 1-inch meter-----	3.00
For 1 1/2-inch meter-----	6.00
For 2-inch meter-----	9.00

Any consumer is entitled to metered service upon application therefor and the utility may meter any and all service connections.

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

Monthly Quantity Rates:

From 0 to 600 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet--	\$ .25
From 600 to 3,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet--	.20
All over 3,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet--	.15

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Robert Hicks 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 consumers, said rules and regulations to become effective upon their

acceptance for filing by the Railroad 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1928.

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