

Decision No. 20845

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
SAN JOSE WATER WORKS for an order
equalizing rates in its Willow Glen
District.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 15203.

Leib and Leib, by R.C. Leib,
for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by San Jose Water Works, a corporation, for authority to equalize the rates now in effect in its Willow Glen District with the schedule of rates charged throughout the remainder of its water system which supplies consumers in San Jose, Los Gatos and Saratoga, and in adjacent territory in Santa Clara County.

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

The evidence presented herein shows that applicant purchased the Willow Glen Water Works formerly owned by O.P. Mills through authority of the Railroad Commission in its Decision No. 19861, dated June 7, 1928. The rates then and now in effect on the Willow Glen system are as follows:

Flat Rate: \$1.50 per month.

Meter Rate: Minimum charge \$1.00, which entitles consumers to 600 cubic feet of water.

All over 600 cubic feet, 15¢ per 100 cubic feet.

The rates of the San Jose Water Works as established by the Railroad Commission in Decision No. 14213, dated October 28, 1924, are in part as follows:

METER RATES

Minimum Monthly Charges:

5/8-inch meter-----	\$1.50
3/4-inch meter-----	2.00
1-inch meter-----	3.00
Etc.	

Monthly Meter Rates:

From 0 to 600 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----	\$0.25
From 600 to 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----	.22 $\frac{1}{2}$
From 1,500 to 3,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----	.20
From 3,000 to 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----	.15
Over 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----	.12

Since acquiring the Willow Glen System, the San Jose Water Works has expended approximately \$12,000.00 in installing larger mains in the Willow Glen District, which has resulted in greatly improving the service rendered consumers over the inadequate service conditions heretofore existing under the former ownership. The former source of water supply has now been supplanted by the gravity and well sources of applicant's main plant. The San Jose Water Works system almost completely surrounds the Willow Glen Water Works and, since the improvements recently installed have given the 300 consumers in this area the same class of service furnished throughout the remainder of the territory supplied by applicant, it appears reasonable to authorize the charging of the same rates, thus removing the existing discrimination.

There were no protests against this request by applicant on the part of the present water users who apparently are satisfied and willing to pay the regular rates of the San Jose Water Works in return for the more adequate and dependable water supply.

O R D E R

San Jose Water Works, a corporation, having made application for authority to charge the same schedule of rates in its Willow Glen District as now in effect throughout the remainder of its water system, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being now fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the rates now charged by San Jose Water Works, a corporation, for water supplied to its consumers in the Willow Glen District 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 such service.

And basing the order upon the foregoing finding of fact and upon the statements of fact contained in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that San Jose Water Works, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, the schedule of rates established by this Commission in its Decision No. 14213, dated the twenty-eighth day of October, 1924, said schedule of rates to be charged for all water delivered to its consumers in the Willow Glen District, County of Santa Clara, subsequent to the date of this order.

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 4th day
of January, 1927.

Leon Whitell
Edward
W. L. Lott
Commissioners.