

Decision No. 20772

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. 15273.

Maurice C. Sparling, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application, R.W. Sparling, Inc., a corporation, asks the Railroad Commission for authority to supply water for domestic purposes as a public utility to consumers residing in Tract No. 7342, known as Kagel Canyon Park, Los Angeles County, and further request is made that a schedule of rates be established for such service.

A public hearing in the above entitled matter was held before Examiner Williams at Los Angeles.

Tract No. 7342, comprising approximately 100 acres, has been subdivided into 540 irregular-shaped lots primarily for summer and week-end cabin sites. The water system was installed by the subdivider to aid in the sale of lots. The territory served is located within the valley and rough hillsides of Kagel Canyon, having a variation in elevation of approximately 700 feet. At present, there are only fourteen permanent residents in the tract; the other 84 users occupy their cabins only for week-end and holiday and summer-vacation periods.

The water supply is developed from a deep well six-

hundred feet in depth. The water level stands approximately 300 feet below the surface of the ground at the well and is pumped into a tank located at a point 240 feet higher in elevation. The distribution mains are mostly 2-inch standard screw pipe and are adequate for the present needs on account of the high pressure. However, some replacements with larger sized pipe will be required in the future when the tract obtains a greater development. Applicant has agreed to install such improvements when needed.

The testimony of applicant shows that the estimated original cost of the water plant is approximately \$20,800. R.W. Sparling, Inc., operates another public utility water system under somewhat similar conditions and with the same general class of service demand in the Fernwood Park Tract in Topanga Canyon, Los Angeles County. The rates heretofore established for this plant in Decision No. 20187 dated August 30, 1928, appear to be reasonable for application to the territory to be served herein and therefore will be authorized in the following Order.

The mains and pipe lines having been installed throughout the tract prior to the dedication of the streets and alleys therein to the public, no county franchise will be required. There is no other water system serving in the Kagel Canyon area and, as there were no protests against the inauguration of this service, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

R.W. Sparling, Inc., 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 re-

quire that R.W. Sparling, Inc., construct and operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic purposes in Tract No. 7342, 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 28th day of February, 1929:

FLAT RATE SCHEDULE

	: Annual Charge:	: Annual Charge:	: For each Ad- :
	: _____ :	: _____ :	: dditional 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

<u>Minimum Charge:</u>			
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.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that R.W. Sparling, Inc., 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 governing its relation with 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 8th day of February, 1929.

Frank D. Smith
Chas. J. Stearns
Ernest J. Scott
Leon Whitely
W. J. Lee
 Commissioners.