

Decision No. 20898

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
GLORIA GARDENS WATER COMPANY for
permission to extend their water
mains and take in additional ter-
ritory.

ORIGINAL
Application No. 15322.

Frank J. Merkle, Jr., for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application, Frank Merkle and Frank Merkle, Jr., doing business under the fictitious firm name of Gloria Gardens Water Company, ask for authority to extend their public water system into adjacent territory known as Tracts Nos. 9613 and 10341, Los Angeles County, and request permission to charge the same schedule of rates now in effect on their main water system.

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

The testimony shows that a water system was installed in Tracts Nos. 9613 and 10341 by the subdividers thereof who have entered into an agreement with applicants to convey this water system to them, providing the necessary approval of the Railroad Commission is obtained.

The evidence shows that the applicants have a water supply adequate to serve the additional requirements of the present consumers in the new territory as well as a sufficient surplus to take care of a considerable increased demand for future development and that said applicants possess sufficient financial resources

to take care of any necessary improvements that may be required within these tracts in the future. The mains and pipe lines were installed throughout this new area prior to the dedication of the streets and alleys therein to the public and no county franchise therefor will be required for the purposes of this proceeding.

There were no protests against this request for a certificate to operate a water utility and, as the rates heretofore established by this Commission governing service in the area now supplied by the main waterworks operated by applicants appear fair and reasonable for the service to be rendered in the new territory, said rates will be authorized herein.

O R D E R

Frank Merkle and Frank Merkle, Jr., doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Gloria Gardens Water Company, 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 that Frank Merkle and Frank Merkle, Jr., doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Gloria Gardens Water Company, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes on Tracts Nos. 9613 and 10341, Los Angeles County, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said Frank Merkle and Frank Merkle, Jr., be and they are hereby authorized and directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates as heretofore established by this Commission in its Decision No. 18504, dated

June 14, 1927, said schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered to consumers in Tracts Nos. 9613 and 10341, County of Los Angeles, on and after the first (1st) day of April, 1929:

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

For each house on one lot-----	\$1.00
For dairy barns-----	2.00
Additional for each head of stock-----	.15
School-----	3.00

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

5/8-inch meter-----	\$1.25
3/4-inch meter-----	1.75
1-inch meter-----	2.50
1 1/2-inch meter-----	3.50
2-inch meter-----	6.00

Each of the foregoing monthly minimum charges will entitle the consumers to the amount of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the "Monthly Meter Rates" set out below:

Monthly Meter Rates:

0 to 500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.25
500 to 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.20
1,500 to 5,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.15
5,000 to 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.12
All over 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.10

Meters may be installed upon any service at the option of either the utility or the consumer. If installed at the option of the utility, the entire cost shall be borne by the utility. If installed at the request of the consumer, the cost of meter and installation shall be advanced by the consumer to the utility and the money so advanced shall be refunded to the depositor as credits on monthly bills for water furnished at the rate of 30 per cent of the total amount of such monthly bill.

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 20th day of March, 1929.

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