

Decision No. 21115

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of BELL WATER COMPANY for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for an order authorizing said Bell Water Company to enter and to serve, and HANNAH GILBERT to abandon service, in certain territory.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 15440.

W.C. Kennedy, for Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application, Hannah Gilbert, operating a public utility water system supplying water to a small tract of land in the City of Bell, Los Angeles County, asks for authority to abandon public utility service, and the Bell Water Company asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to enter and serve said territory and charge for such service the rates established by the Commission for said company now applicable in adjacent territory.

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

The evidence shows that Hannah Gilbert supplies water to approximately fourteen consumers near the City of Bell in Los Angeles County. The revenue obtained from this system has never been sufficient to pay operating expenses and does not at this time justify the expenditure of additional capital necessary to render adequate service. The Bell Water Company serves a large

population in adjacent territory and is willing to extend its mains and supply water to all the consumers on the Hannah Gilbert water system under the same schedule of rates it now charges its own consumers. The company, however, cannot serve irrigation water from Pump No. 2, as provided for in the rate schedule of the Bell Water Company, but is willing and intends to install services of sufficient size to take care of any irrigation demand that it may be called upon to deliver. The water system which the Bell Water Company proposes to install can be completed in approximately sixty days and will insure the consumers of the Gilbert system an adequate service at a reasonable rate.

The Bell Water Company, through Ordinance No. 1508 (New Series), Los Angeles County, already has franchise rights covering the area supplied by the Gilbert system.

There were no protests against granting the request of Hannah Gilbert or the request of the Bell Water Company for a certificate to extend its mains and supply water as a public utility in the territory in question. It appears that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Bell Water Company, a corporation, and Hannah Gilbert 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 Bell Water Company, a corporation, construct and operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes to that territory now supplied with such service by

Hannah Gilbert and more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the north by Baker Avenue, on the east by Walker Avenue, on the south by Florence Avenue, and on the west by Wilcox Avenue, County of Los Angeles, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Hannah Gilbert be and she is hereby authorized to discontinue public utility water service to her consumers if and when the Bell Water Company is in a position to take over and render water service to said consumers, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. When water service is available to her consumers from the Bell Water Company, Hannah Gilbert shall notify each of said consumers of her intention to discontinue water service within twenty (20) days from the date thereof.
2. Bell Water Company shall notify this Commission in writing of the date it takes over the obligation to supply water in the territory now served by said Hannah Gilbert within ten (10) days after so doing.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Bell Water Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized and directed to put into effect and charge for all service rendered in the territory embraced by this certificate the same schedule of rates as is in effect on the main system of said Bell Water Company, to wit:

MONTHLY METER RATES

First 2000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$ 0.12½
From 2000 to 5000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.12
All over 5000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.10
Monthly minimum bill-----	1.25

MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES

5/8 x 3/4-inch meter-----	\$ 1.25
3/4-inch meter-----	1.50
1-inch meter-----	2.00
1½-inch meter-----	4.00
2-inch meter-----	6.00
3-inch meter-----	12.00
4-inch meter-----	18.00
6-inch meter-----	35.00

Each of the foregoing "Monthly Minimum Charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water that the minimum monthly charge will purchase at the "Monthly Meter Rates".

FLAT RATE IRRIGATION USE PER HOUR

Full flow of Pump No. 2, one hour or less-----\$3.50
All in excess of one hour, per hour or
fraction thereof----- 3.50

FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS

Per Hydrant per Month-----\$1.50

The above rates apply to water used
for domestic, commercial and irriga-
tion purposes.

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 16th day
of May, 1929.

Thos. J. Loutch

C. Deane

Emmery J. [unclear]
Leon [unclear]

W. H. Carr

Commissioners.