

Decision No. 22656**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
 THOMAS O'BRIEN, doing business under
 the fictitious name of Lebec Water
 Works, for a certificate of public
 convenience and necessity to operate
 a public utility water system.

Application No. 16640.

Daugherty & Daugherty, Inc.,
 by J.E. Daugherty, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Thomas O'Brien, doing business under the fictitious name and style of Lebec Water Works, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system to serve consumers residing in certain lands owned and subdivided by applicant at what is known as Lebec, Kern County.

A public hearing in this matter was held by Examiner Cannon at Lebec on June 30, 1930.

Applicant owns 6,300 acres of land in and in the vicinity of Lebec, Kern County, and is engaged in operating the Hotel Lebec and various stores and industries at this location, and is also in the business of selling lots in a subdivided portion of his property known as Tefon Lodge. In connection with applicant's real estate operations, and to aid in the sale

of lots, a water system was installed to supply water to the townsite of Lebec, Tejon Lodge and any other property owned by applicant. A charge of one dollar per month was at one time attempted for this service; however, payment thereof was not enforced and no money whatsoever has been collected for water the past three years. At the present time, applicant has forty-one consumers, of which approximately seventy-five per cent occupy their homes only during the summer months. The water is obtained from wells and pumped into storage tanks, from which it is distributed by gravity through approximately 15,000 feet of mains ranging from one inch to four and one-half inches in diameter. The mains and pipe lines in the area were installed prior to the dedication of the streets and alleys therein to public use and no franchise or other permit is required.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of this application. There is no other public utility water system serving this territory. The water supply and pipe lines are adequate for all reasonable present demands. It therefore appears that this request should be granted. Applicant will file rates, rules and regulations upon the granting of this application.

O R D E R

Thomas O'Brien, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Lebec Water Works, having made application as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require that Thomas O'Erien operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes to that certain property now owned by applicant at Lebec, Kern County, and more particularly set forth and described in the application herein and in Exhibit "B" attached thereto.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day
of July, 1930.

Emmanuel
Leon Whiteley
Thos. O. Erien

Commissioners.