

Decision No. 22971

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of American States Water Service Company of California for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; for an order authorizing it to exercise franchise rights; and for an order establishing rates.

Application No. 16575.

W. C. Kennedy, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding American States Water Service Company of California, a corporation, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise its franchise right to operate a water system to serve consumers residing in Midway Park Tract No. 9897, Los Angeles County, and the request is also made for authority to charge a proposed schedule of metered rates as set forth in the application herein.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Satterwhite at Los Angeles on August 13, 1930.

Midway Park Tract No. 9897 was subdivided by the J. D. Millar Realty Company, Inc., which also installed the water system which now furnishes, without charge, water to approximately four consumers residing on the tract. This system consists of a deep well with electrically-operated pumping plant and approximately 4,600 lineal feet of distribution pipe mains

ranging from two to six inches in diameter. The water is pumped into a storage tank and from thence delivered by gravity into the distribution pipe mains.

The American States Water Service Company, applicant herein, at present supplies water to a large area of land lying a short distance north of said Midway Park Tract No. 9897, and, finding its own water supply has become insufficient, negotiated for the purchase of the well and water system on said tract and now proposes to connect the two systems and operate them as one unit. To accomplish this, applicant desires a certificate of public convenience and necessity covering that territory over which it holds a franchise granted by the County of Los Angeles by Ordinance No. 1474 (N.S.) dated May 2, 1927, and more particularly described in the application herein and shown on Exhibit "D" attached thereto.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of this application and there is no other public utility water system serving this territory. The pipe lines and well are adequate for all reasonable present demands. It therefore appears that the request should be granted. No charges for water service in said Tract No. 9897 have as yet been made. The schedule of rates proposed by applicant is somewhat higher than the rates now charged by it and in effect in the adjoining territory which it also serves. In view of the fact that these two systems are located so near to each other and that they will be interconnected and both operated as a single unit, we are of the opinion that it would be more reasonable and proper to have the rates uniform throughout, thereby avoiding unfair discrimination in the same class of service. The schedule of rates now in effect and charged

by applicant herein for water service rendered in adjacent territory will be authorized in the following Order.

O R D E R

American States Water Service Company of California, a corporation, 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 American States Water Service Company of California, a corporation, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes to that certain property in Los Angeles County, and more particularly set forth and described in the application herein and in Exhibit "D" attached thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that American States Water Service Company of California, a corporation, be and it is hereby 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 31st day of October, 1930:

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGES

For 5/8-inch meter-----	\$ 1.25
For 3/4-inch meter-----	2.00
For 1-inch meter-----	3.00
For 1 1/2-inch meter-----	6.00
For 2-inch meter-----	9.00
For 3-inch meter-----	16.00
For 4-inch meter-----	25.00

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

MONTHLY METER RATES FOR DOMESTIC SERVICE

From 0 to 1000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----\$0.25  
 From 1000 to 3000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- 0.15  
 Over 3000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- 0.12

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that American States Water Service Company of California, a corporation, be and it is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission of the State of California, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, rules and regulations governing the relations with its consumers, said rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance for filing by the Railroad 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1930.

D. C. Seaver  
Commissioner

John S. Lewis  
Commissioner

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