

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 23117

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of AUGUSTA E. STREET for permission to abandon the Navelencia Water Company as a public utility.

Application No. 16987.

Samuel F. Hollins, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by Augusta E. Street for permission to abandon and discontinue the operation of her public utility water system supplying consumers in and in the vicinity of Navelencia, Fresno County.

The application alleges in effect that the town of Navelencia is decreasing in population; that farming is the only enterprise in the vicinity and that most of the ranches are being abandoned because of lack of water; that there is no prospect of the town growing because of lack of water and that there are not sufficient consumers to justify the continued operation of the water system and that the same is being operated at a loss.

A public hearing was held by Examiner Satterwhite at Fresno.

The system comprises a lot in the town of Navelencia on which is located a 10-inch cased well about seventy-five feet

deep, a 5,000-gallon storage tank and about 2,500 feet of 3-inch and 2-inch pipe.

Several years ago this water plant supplied thirteen consumers. This number has gradually decreased, however, until at present only four are being served. None of the remaining consumers are permanent water users as they intend either to vacate their premises or discontinue service before the end of this year. The testimony showed that the revenue received for supplying water during the past month of October was five dollars, while the cost of power for operating the motor and pump during the same month was six dollars. Water can be secured on all of the properties occupied by each of the four temporary consumers through the development of individual drive wells thereon in case such water should be desired by the owners of the premises. There was no protest made at the hearing by any one against the proposed discontinuance of this water service as a public utility.

Under the circumstances set out above and the fact that the evidence clearly shows that applicant cannot continue to supply water to the present consumers except at a financial loss, it appears that the request should be granted.

O R D E R

Application as entitled above having been made by Augusta E. Street to discontinue public utility water service, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission now being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Augusta E. Street be and she is hereby authorized to discontinue on and after the first day of January, 1931, the service of water to all consumers now served by her in and in the vicinity of Navelencia, Fresno County, and thereupon and thereafter stand relieved of all public utility obligations and liabilities in connection therewith upon full compliance with the following terms and conditions:

1. Within ten (10) days after the date of this Order, Augusta E. Street shall notify each of her consumers, in writing, of her intention to discontinue water service on and after the first day of January, 1931.
2. Within twenty (20) days from the date of this Order, Augusta E. Street shall file with this Commission an affidavit to the effect that the notice as provided in Paragraph 1 above has been duly given.

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 25th day of November, 1930.

C. L. Leavelle
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Consumers.