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Decision No. 23509

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of FETTERS SPRINGS WATER COMPANY for certificate to operate water system.

Application No. 17173.

George Fetters, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OBINION

In this application George Fetters, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Fetters Springs Water Company, requests the Commission to grant him a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system to supply consumers in Subdivision No. 1 of Fetters Springs Terrace, Sonoma County.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Williams at Fetters Springs.

The evidence shows that George Fetters owns and operates a large summer-resort hotel and mineral springs located in the Town of Fetters Springs, Sonoma County. He also owns large tracts of agricultural property adjacent to the hotel and resort grounds, a portion of which, comprising a strip of land approximately 2,000 feet in length extending from the hotel grounds at Fetters Springs along the southwesterly side of the State highway to the Town of Boyes Springs, he has recently subdivided into forty-six lots. This property is now being

offered for sale to the general public. In order to provide a water supply for this tract, pipe lines have been laid from the pumping plants supplying the resort property for the purpose of serving the subdivision, there being two consumers residing thereon who are now receiving service without charge.

The water supply will be obtained from wells located upon the hotel grounds and adjacent property belonging to Mr. Fetters. There are four of these wells now in use and an ample supply is available for the purpose of supplying all reasonable demands for the subdivision over and above all requirements for the hotel and the resort property. Water is at present stored in two elevated redwood tanks, one of 20,000 gallons capacity and the other of 2,000 gallons capacity. Delivery may be made to the subdivided area either by pumping directly into the mains or by gravity from the storage tanks. An easement for the construction and maintenance of pipe lines has been reserved by applicant along the rear portion of the entire tier of lots and no further franchise, permit or consent from county authorities is necessary for such purposes at this time. No protest was made during the hearing in this proceeding against the granting of this application. It will therefore be approved in the following Order.

A schedule of rates was submitted by applicant to be charged for the service proposed to be rendered. The rates set out therein are practically identical to those in effect in the general vicinity for the rendering of a similar public utility service and, with some slight modifications made therein in order to eliminate certain existing ambiguities, the rates as proposed will be established.

## ORDER

Application having been made as above entitled, 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 George Fetters, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Fetters Springs Water Company, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water in Subdivision No. 1 of Fetters Springs Terrace, Sonoma County, as more particularly delineated upon the "Map of Fetters Springs Terrace" filed in this proceeding and designated as "Exhibit No. 2," and

## METER RATES

Annual charge, payable in advance-----\$6.00

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## Monthly Quantity Rates:

For first 250 cubic feet, or less-----50¢ Next 1,750 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----20¢ Over 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----15¢

The above monthly quantity rates are charges in addition to the annual charge of six dollars (\$6.00).

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that said George Fetters file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, rules and regulations governing relations with his consumers, said rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance for filing by this Commission.

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

of March, 1951.