

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 23865

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

<p>In the Matter of the Application of California Water Service Company, for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the extension of its plant and system now serving water to the City of Bakersfield and vicinity to Radio Park Tract.</p>	
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Application No. 17385.

E.B. Walthall, for Applicant.
 Harvey & Heard, by T.N. Harvey,
 for Petitioners.
 F.W. Long, in propria persona,
 Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled proceeding California Water Service Company, a corporation, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to extend its water system to supply residents of Radio Park, a tract adjoining but outside of the City of Bakersfield.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Kennedy at Bakersfield.

The testimony shows that there is at present a water system, owned and operated by one F.W. Long, supplying water to sixteen consumers residing in this tract. The plant was installed originally in 1925 by S.B. Brown and sold by him to D. Heavelin in 1926; thereafter, in 1928, the plant was acquired by the present owner, Long. None of these transfers was authorized by

this Commission, nor has a certificate of public convenience and necessity been procured by any of the above owners to operate a public utility water works in this area. The distribution system consists of two-inch pipe. Water is obtained from a well and supplied to consumers through a small automatic pressure tank.

For the past three years numerous complaints have been filed with the Commission against the poor quality of service rendered by this system. Requests have repeatedly been made both to this Commission and to the California Water Service Company to have this company take over the service in this tract. This company furnishes water throughout the City of Bakersfield and in territory adjacent thereto, operating a system supplying consumers in territory completely surrounding Radio Park.

The evidence conclusively shows that F.W. Long has never furnished a proper service to his consumers, the water at times being unsatisfactory in quality and frequently being shut off for periods ranging from several hours to as long as six days. The operator has been wholly indifferent to complaints and apparently has never made a serious effort to provide a proper, adequate and continuous service.

Applicant herein has made request to serve this area only as a result of the repeated demands of the residents thereof and only upon authorization of the Commission is it willing to extend service to these consumers.

In view of the poor and unsatisfactory service endured by the residents of Radio Park for the last few years and the improbability of any reasonable improvement therein under the

present operating conditions, it is clear that the best interests of the public demand that applicant be given permission to install its mains in this tract and supply water to all consumers residing therein desiring such service. The application therefore will be granted.

O R D E R

California Water Service Company, a corporation, 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 California Water Service Company construct and operate a water system to supply consumers residing in Radio Park Tract adjoining the City of Bakersfield, County of Kern, as said tract is more particularly described in the application herein, under the same schedule of rates and under the same rules and regulations as are effective on its main water system supplying consumers in and in the vicinity of the City of Bakersfield.

The effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of

July, 1931.

C. C. [Signature]

M. J. [Signature]

Fred G. [Signature]
Commissioners