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Decision No. 24177

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of F.H. Uehling operating as
F.H. Uehling Water System for a
certificate of public convenience
and necessity to operate a water
system in the territory as shown
by accompanying map and to estab-
lish rates for water service.

Application No. 17409.

F.H. Uehling, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding F.H. Uehling, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of F.H. Uehling Water System, requests the Railroad Commission to grant him a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system in a tract of land comprising approximately 2,500 acres situated easterly from the City of Compton, Los Angeles County.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Satterwhite at South Gate.

This water system was constructed in 1928 by the Subdivision Securities Company to serve a tract known as Casa Venida, lying easterly from the City of Compton, and now serves Casa Venida, Tract No. 4186, and Orange Boulevard Manor, also known as Tract No. 8174. The water supply is obtained from two

drilled wells, from one of which the water is pumped into a 5,000-gallon elevated tank from which service is made by gravity. Water is delivered from the second well through a pressure system. The distribution mains consist of 18,082 feet of butt-welded, asphalt-dipped pipe, varying from six inches to two inches in diameter, and 3,462 feet of cast-iron pipe. There are no meters installed at present.

On the twenty-eighth day of September, 1931, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County by Ordinance No. 1992 (New Series) granted to applicant herein a franchise to lay, maintain and operate pipe lines for the distribution of water upon and across the public highways in the territory in which he now requests this Commission for authority to sell water and said applicant has stipulated at the hearing that neither he nor his successors and assigns will ever claim, before this Railroad Commission or any other public body, a value for said franchise in excess of the amount, exclusive of any tax or annual charge, actually paid as the consideration therefor.

The rates now charged by applicant are:

FLAT RATES

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| Domestic Service----- | \$1.50 per month. |
| Duplex or two-family service----- | 1.00 per month. |
| Courts with three or more families----- | .75 per month. |

An appraisal of the system submitted by D.H. Harroun, one of the Commission's engineers, shows the estimated original cost of the property to be \$21,214 as of August 1, 1931, and the replacement annuity to be \$480, computed by the five per cent sinking fund method. The annual operation and maintenance expenses, exclusive

of costs of management and supervision, were estimated to approximate \$1,070 including depreciation, and the gross revenues were estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$1,350.

There was no protest filed against the granting of this certificate of public convenience and necessity and, as no other public utility is supplying water in the area in which applicant is now operating, the request should be approved.

The schedule of rates authorized in the following Order is the schedule proposed by applicant and appears to be fair and reasonable for the service to be rendered, said rates being somewhat less than charges made by other utilities supplying a similar class of service in the general vicinity of applicant's service area.

O R D E R

Application having been made to this Commission 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 F.H. Uehling, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of F.H. Uehling Water System, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water in the territory as set out in the application herein, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that F.H. Uehling, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of F.H. Uehling Water System, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file with

the Railroad Commission, within twenty (20) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates for water delivered to his consumers in the territory more particularly set out and described in Ordinance No. 1992 (New Series), County of Los Angeles, said rates to be charged for all service rendered subsequent to the 7th day of November, 1931:

FLAT RATES

Private houses, single families-----\$1.50 per month.
 Courts, duplexes, apartments, per
 family----- 1.00 per month.
 Stores, etc.----- 1.50 per month.

MONTHLY METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

5/8-inch and 3/4-inch meters-----\$1.50
 1-inch meters----- 2.50
 2-inch meters----- 5.00

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

Monthly Quantity Rates:

From 0 to 750 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----\$0.20
 Next 1,250 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet---- .15
 All over 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet---- .10

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that F.H. Uehling, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of F.H. Uehling Water System, 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.

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 2nd day of November, 1931.

Leon Sweeney

M. J. Carr

M. B. Lewis

Fred C. Stewart

Commissioners.