

Decision No. 24924

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of Wm. DREHER for certificate of
public convenience and necessity.

Application No. 18144.

Wm. Dreher, for Applicant.

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STEVENOT, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

Applicant, who operates a water system serving twenty-two domestic consumers in and in the vicinity of the Wm. Dreher Tract situate on an extension of Sixteenth Street and beyond the easterly city limits of the City of Sacramento, applies herein for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, together with an order establishing rates.

A public hearing in this matter was held at Sacramento.

The evidence shows that in 1922 Wm. Dreher subdivided a tract of land now known as the Wm. Dreher Tract and installed therein a water system to provide domestic water service to lot purchasers. The source of water supply is a drilled well two hundred and five feet deep which provides ample water for present needs and appears to be adequate for a much larger demand for future development. The distribution mains consist of four-inch, three-inch and two-and-one-half-inch galvanized iron pipe.

Applicant testified that the total original cost of

the physical properties is \$8,602. A detailed inventory and appraisal submitted by Carl F. Mau, one of the Commission's hydraulic engineers, sets forth the estimated original cost, including overhead, at \$6,656. The difference in these figures lies principally in the matter of non-operative properties, for which no deductions were made by applicant.

Consumers have been and are now being charged a flat rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per month for domestic service and two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) and three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per month for commercial uses. One consumer is charged two dollars (\$2.00) per month for a period of six months for irrigation service. These rates were placed in effect by the operator when he first commenced service ten years ago.

Mr. Dreher asks for the establishment of a meter rate which will be set forth in the following Order. As all service heretofore rendered by applicant has been at flat rates, there is no definite data available for the computation of a measured rate reflecting the actual local conditions existing on the system. The schedule fixed, however, is formulated upon the experience of other water works operating in the general vicinity and rendering a similar service and should prove to be fair and reasonable under the circumstances. The existing flat rate charges will be maintained as no evidence was submitted warranting any substantial changes therein. Certain classes of service now being rendered, such as for commercial purposes, are not adequately covered by existing flat rates. These users should be placed upon a measured basis as soon as possible and the charges

heretofore made for such service be continued until meters are installed.

No protest was made against the granting of a certificate of public convenience and necessity nor was there any protest made against the fixing of a reasonable rate schedule for the service to be rendered, and, although applicant has actually been operating for several years last past without a certificate so to do, it is his desire to comply fully with the requirements of the law and it is for this purpose that this petition has been filed. The mains having been installed prior to the dedication of the streets to public use, no county franchise will be necessary at this time. In view of the fact that no other public utility is operating in this general territory, it appears to the best interest of the public that the certificate of public convenience and necessity be granted.

The following form of Order is submitted.

O R D E R

Application having been made to the Railroad Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission now being fully advised in the premises,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require that Wm. Dreher operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water within the Wm. Dreher Tract and adjoining property in Sacramento County, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Wm. Dreher be and he is here-

by authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within twenty (20) days from the date of this Order, the following rates to be charged for water delivered to his consumers in and in the immediate vicinity of the Wm. Dreher Tract, County of Sacramento, said rates to become effective for all service rendered subsequent to the 30th day of January, 1932.

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

5/8-inch meter-----	\$ 1.25
3/4-inch meter-----	1.50
1-inch meter-----	2.00
1 1/2-inch meter-----	2.75
2-inch meter-----	5.00
3-inch meter-----	10.00
4-inch meter-----	35.00

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

Monthly Quantity Rates:

First 500 cubic feet, or less, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.25
Next 500 to 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.20
From 2,000 to 5,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.15
All over 5,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.10

Any consumer is entitled to metered service upon application therefor and the utility may meter any and all service connections.

FLAT RATES

Residential rate, per month-----	\$1.25
Commercial rate, per month-----	\$2.50

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Wm. Dreher be and he is hereby directed to 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.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of January, 1932.

C. C. J. J.
Leon Atchill
W. A. L.
M. B. H.
Fred G. Stewart.
Commissioners.