

Decision No. 25308

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of J.O. WALSER for order or authorization to fix a rate for charges for delivery of water and the issuance of certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Application No. 18298.

J.O. Walser, in propria persona. H.C. Brown, for R.J. Peppa, a consumer.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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In this proceeding, as entitled above, J.O. Walser makes application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to supply water to the inhabitants of a tract of land known as the "Good Hope Country Club Tract" near Elsinore in Riverside County. Applicant further requests that a rate be established for the service rendered and a charge of twelve dollars (\$12.00) be permitted for the installation of service connections.

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

The evidence shows that J.O. Walser is the owner and subdivider of the Good Hope Country Club Tract, Riverside County, and that to aid in the sale of lots he has installed a water system in the tract to provide water service for the lot purchasers. The tract consists of forty-five (45) acres, subdivided into two hundred and ninety-nine (299) lots, and at the present time there are eleven

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(11) active water users.

The water supply is obtained from a large spring in a timber-lined pit having the dimensions 16 feet by 20 feet and 25 feet deep. The location of this spring is at the high point of the subdivision, enabling the delivery of water to a large portion of the tract without pumping. However, applicant proposes to install an elevated tank on the system in the near future which will provide increased pressure and service.

The streets in the subdivision have not been formally accepted by Riverside County and therefore it will not be necessary at this time for applicant to obtain a county franchise. Since no other public utility is supplying domestic or irrigation

water service in the tract and no protestants appeared at the hearing, it appears that a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be granted.

The request of applicant for authority to make a charge of twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each metered service connection is not in accordance with the Commission's general practices in such matters which require each utility to own and maintain all facilities for distribution, including meters and service connections, from the main to the curb or property line. This request will therefore be denied. The rate schedule established in the following Order is fair under the circumstances. It is substantially less than a large number of rate schedules in effect in the general vicinity charged by water works serving under similar conditions.

ORDER

J.C. Walser having made application as entitled above,

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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 J.O. Walser operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other uses to consumers residing in Good Hope Country Club Tract and in the immediate vicinity thereof, in the County of Riverside.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the request of applicant for authority to charge the sum of twelve dollars (\$12.00) or any other amount for each service connection be and it is hereby denied.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that J.O. Walser be and he is hereby directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered consumers in said tract and vicinity, subsequent to the <u>3/ab</u> day of <u>Utbober</u>, 1932.

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

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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:

From	0	to	500	cubic	feet,	per	100	cubic	feet	\$0.20
From	500	to	1,000	cubic	feet,	per	100	cubic	feet	0.15
From									feet	
Over			2,000	cubic	feet,	per	100	cubic	feet	0.08

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that J.O. Walser 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 the Railroad 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 <u>3/24</u> day of <u>Alaber</u>, 1932.

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