

Decision No. 25330

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
A.E. UPTON for an order granting a
certificate of public convenience
and necessity to operate a water
system known as "Upton Beach Water
System."

Application No. 18403.

A.E. Upton, in propria persona.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding A.E. Upton asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a domestic water system in two subdivided areas known as Upton Tract and Charles Robinson Tract which are located in the vicinity of Stinson Beach, Marin County. The request is also made that the Commission establish a schedule of rates to be charged for the service rendered.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Johnson at Stinson Beach.

At present no pipe has been installed in the Upton Tract; however, a water system was installed on the Charles Robinson Tract in 1923 to aid in the sale of lots. At that time water was obtained from a small spring and from a well. At present water is obtained from a newly drilled well, one hundred and nine (109) feet deep, and is thence elevated by pumping to two tanks having a combined capacity of forty-five hundred (4,500) gallons. The water is distributed to nineteen consumers through approximately thirty-nine

hundred (3,900) feet of two-inch and three-quarter-inch pipe. An appraisal of the physical property shows the estimated original cost of the system to be two thousand eight hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$2,874).

The pipe lines have been and will be installed where no dedication of streets has been made to the public use and therefore no county franchise or other permit will be required at this time. As no one opposed the granting of the certificate and there is no other utility in the vicinity willing to provide water service to this area, the application will be granted.

The rates set out below are designed for vacation and summer-home service as this territory is primarily a summer resort with the usual and typical additional demand for service at various times throughout the entire year during week-ends and holidays. This schedule of charges is similar to those in effect on other utility systems furnishing a similar pumped water supply under like conditions.

O R D E R

A.H. Upton 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 A.H. Upton operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes in, and in the immediate vicinity of, the Charles Robinson Tract and the Upton Tract situate near the community known as Stinson Beach, Marin County, as such subdivisions are more particularly described on the maps filed in connection

with this proceeding and marked Exhibits 1 and 2 and made a part of this Order by reference, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that A.H. Upton be and he is hereby authorized and 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 water delivered to consumers subsequent to the 30th day of November, 1932.

FLAT RATES

Annual charge for each calendar year, payable in advance----\$14.00

METER RATES

Annual charge for each calendar year, payable in advance, entitling the consumer to 500 cubic feet of water each month during the year-----\$12.00

For water use in excess of the monthly minimum of 500 cubic feet, payable monthly, per 100 cubic feet----- .15

A consumer is entitled to the installation of a meter upon demand and the utility may install meters on any or all services. In the event the consumer demands a metered service, such consumer shall advance to the company the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to cover the costs of installation thereof for meters of the size of 5/8 x 3/4 inches; such advance payment shall be refundable to the consumer upon the basis of thirty-five per cent (35%) of the annual water bill, either in cash or by way of credit on succeeding years' charges; such refund or credit shall be made at the end of each year until the total amount of the advance payment has been satisfied. Meters in excess of 5/8 x 3/4 inches likewise shall require a deposit in relative proportion to their cost as compared with the 5/8 x 3/4-inch meters.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that A.H. Upton be and he is hereby directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, rules and regulations to govern 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 7th day of November, 1932.

C. L. Leamy

Leon Whitney

M. A. Cunn

W. B. Hayes

Fred G. Stewart

Commissioners.