

Decision No. 25828

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of J.T. McGeoghegan (Opal Water
Works) for authorization of a
certain form of rate for Water
Service.

Application No. 18556.

J.T. McGeoghegan, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the Commission is asked to establish an annual rate to be charged water consumers who are only summer or intermittent users.

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

This utility is operated by J.T. McGeoghegan under the fictitious firm name and style of the Opal Water Works and serves twenty-three consumers in the Opal Subdivision, near Capitola, in the County of Santa Cruz. At present eighteen of the consumers are permanent residents and five are occasional visitors who use their premises during the summer and at times over week-ends and holidays. The effective rates for this system were established by the Commission in Decision No. 19312, dated February 6, 1928, and are based upon a monthly charge of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for both flat and metered service.

The invested capital, maintenance and operation expenses and revenues for the last three years are set out below.

	1930	1931	1932
Operating Fixed Capital	\$7,533.50	\$9,231.50	\$9,272.75
Maintenance & Operating Expenses	200.70	215.00	198.75
Gross Revenues	189.00	363.00	379.80
Number of Consumers	16	21	23

The request for the establishment of an annual flat rate charge for summer or intermittent users is a reasonable one and will remove the present discrimination against the regular and permanent consumer. The charge of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per year for this class of demand is as low as can be fairly fixed when considering the cost of the service provided by applicant; however, it is somewhat less than similar rates in effect in the general vicinity.

O R D E R

J.T. McGeoghegan, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Opal Water Works, 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,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that J.T. McGeoghegan 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 annual rate to be charged for all water service rendered to summer or intermittent water consumers subsequent to the date of this Order:

ANNUAL FLAT RATE

For service to summer, intermittent or non-permanent residents, payable in advance-----\$12.00 per year

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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 17th day of April, 1933.

C. H. ...
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M. B. ...
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Commissioners.