

Decision No. 10301 -

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
IDYLLWILD, INC.)
a corporation, for certificate that)
public convenience and necessity re-)
quire the exercise of the functions)
of a public utility on the part of)
the applicant.)

ORIGINAL

Application No. 7382.

Raymond Best, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

The applicant in the above entitled proceeding is engaged in the business of operating a summer resort in the San Jacinto Mountains, in Township 5 South, Range 3 East, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, Riverside County, and has for a number of years furnished water for domestic use, free of charge, to approximately 130 dwellings, one hotel, a general store, garage, livery stable and a few other consumers.

It is alleged that the number of consumers is rapidly increasing and that in order to provide adequate service it will be necessary to make large expenditures for increasing the supply and installing additional pipe lines. Applicant now desires to operate its water system as a public utility and to make reasonable charges for the service rendered. The Commission is therefore asked to grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Williams at Los Angeles, the matter has been submitted and is now ready for decision.

The water supply is secured by diversion from Willow and Strawberry Creeks and distribution is entirely by gravity. A concrete reservoir with a capacity of one million gallons has been constructed for storage purposes at an elevation of 267 feet above the distribution system.

Examination of the water supply by the State Board of Health indicates that it is of good quality and safe for human consumption.

No one appeared to oppose the granting of a certificate, and testimony shows that no other public utility water system operates in the territory served.

Applicant desires to establish a schedule of monthly rates which is designed so that summer residents shall be assessed their just proportion of the cost of producing the water supply, and that the rates shall not be unduly burdensome upon the few permanent consumers. The schedule desired is as follows:

From May 1st to October 31st:

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| Residences | \$1.50 |
| Bath tubs or shower baths | 0.25 |
| Toilets | 0.25 |

From November 1st to April 30th:

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Residences | \$1.00 |
| Bath tubs or shower baths | 0.25 |
| Toilets | 0.25 |

Testimony shows that the original cost of the system was approximately \$25,000, and that the collection of the foregoing rate schedule will not yield sufficient revenue to cover maintenance and operating expense, depreciation annuity, and a reasonable re-

turn upon cost of the water system. Applicant admits that it would be unreasonable to expect the present consumers to pay rates which would yield a full return upon the investment.

The proposed schedule of rates appears reasonable for the classes of water use set out therein, but it is evident that all varieties of use have not been provided for. The schedule set out in the accompanying order will therefore be designed to cover such other usage as was indicated by the testimony.

O R D E R

Application having been made as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, and the matter having been submitted,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation of a public utility water system by Idyllwild, Incorporated, in Township 5 South, Range 3 East, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, in the County of Riverside, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Idyllwild, Incorporated, be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to file with this Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of this order, the following schedule of rates to be charged consumers, effective for all water delivered subsequent to April 30, 1922:

MONTHLY FLAT RATE SCHEDULE

| | <u>From May 1st to October 31st</u> | <u>From November 1st to April 30th</u> |
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| Residences | \$1.50 | \$1.00 |
| Bath tubs or shower baths | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Toilets | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Hotels: | | |
| Rooms without running water | 0.10) | |
| Rooms with running water | 0.25) | |
| Bath tubs or shower baths | 0.50) | |
| Toilets | 0.50) | 5.00 |
| Urinals | 0.35) | |
| Dining rooms, for each unit of seating capacity | 0.15) | |

| | From May 1st to October 31st | From November 1st to April 30th |
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| Stores, shops, pool halls, etc. | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| Public Garages with not over 6 automobiles | 2.50) | 1.00 |
| For each automobile over 6 | 0.25) | |
| Soda Fountains either alone or in connection with other business | 2.50 | * 2.50 |
| For each horse or cow | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| For each sheep, goat, or pig | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Barber shops, for each chair | 0.50 | * 0.50 |
| Photograph galleries | 2.00 | * 2.00 |

* For each month of use only.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Idyllwild, Incorporated, be and the same 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 consumers, such rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance by the Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of April, 1922.

H. B. Brundage

Dwight Martin

J. T. Anderson
Commissioners.