

Decision No. 10879

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.  
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In the Matter of the Application  
of STANTON BAKER for permission  
to increase rates of Camarillo  
Water Company.

Application No. 7826.

A. Camarillo, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Stanton Baker, applicant in the above entitled proceeding, operating under the fictitious name of Camarillo Water Company, asks authority to increase the rates charged for domestic water supplied in and in the vicinity of Camarillo, Ventura County, California. The applicant alleges in effect that the present rates do not yield a revenue sufficient to cover operating expense and pay any interest return on the investment.

A public hearing in the matter was held before Examiner Williams at Camarillo, of which all consumers were notified and given an opportunity to be present and to be heard.

The evidence shows that Stanton Baker died a short time before the time set for hearing. An amended application was then filed, asking that the name of Mrs. Stanton Baker, or Mary Elizabeth Baker, be substituted as the real owner of the property, by deed of gift executed by Stanton Baker on October 14, 1921. Copy of this deed is filed in this proceeding and it is considered to be sufficient

evidence of actual transfer of this property for the purposes of this proceeding.

The water supply for this system is pumped from a well into an elevated storage tank, from which it is distributed to the points of use, serving approximately fifty consumers on a flat rate schedule.

The present rates in effect are as follows:

Residences,	per month	\$ 2.00
Stores (Grocery and Dry Goods)	" "	4.00
Drug Stores,	" "	3.00
Ice Cream Parlors,	" "	3.00
Garages,	" "	2.00
Restaurants,	" "	3.50
School Houses,	" "	8.00
Southern Pacific Station, etc.	" "	12.00
Poolrooms,	" "	2.00
Barber Shops,	" "	1.00

Mr. F. H. Van Hoesen, of the Commission's engineering staff, submitted a report based on a field investigation of the properties of this utility. This report shows the estimated original cost of the system to be \$6,398.00, and a replacement annuity, computed by the 6% sinking fund method, of \$188.00. A reasonable maintenance and operating expense estimated at \$1,460.00. No other estimates or appraisals were presented, nor were the above figures questioned. A careful analysis indicates the estimates are fair, and they will therefore be used for the purposes of this proceeding.

Annual charges, based upon the foregoing items, are as follows:

Return on \$6,398.00 at 8%.....	\$512.00
Replacement annuity.....	188.00
Maintenance & Operating Expense.....	1,460.00
TOTAL,.....	\$2,160.00

The revenue from the sale of water from June 1, 1921, to June 1, 1922, amounted to \$1,743.00. It is therefore apparent that applicant is entitled to a slight increase in rates, which we believe should be secured by an adjustment and modification of the present

schedule of rates, rather than by a flat increase in rates.

The testimony shows that a great deal of water is consumed or wasted on the flat rate schedule, causing very poor service in some localities, due in part to the inadequate size of mains and limited storage capacity. In view of this fact, it would seem advisable that applicant install meters on all services as soon as possible and provide additional storage facilities.

The schedule of rates set out in the following order is designed to return to applicant a revenue equal to the annual charges set out above.

### ORDER

Mrs. Stanton Baker, or Mary Elizabeth Baker, operating under the fictitious name of Camarillo Water Company, having made application as entitled above, a public hearing having been held therein, and the matter having been submitted;

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the public utility property involved in this proceeding has been transferred to Mary Elizabeth Baker, otherwise Mrs. Stanton Baker, and that she should be substituted for her husband, Stanton Baker, as the applicant herein.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER FOUND AS A FACT that the rates now charged by Camarillo Water Company for water delivered to consumers in and in the vicinity of Camarillo, Ventura County, California, are unjust and unreasonable in so far as they differ from the rates herein established, and that the rates herein established are just and reasonable rates for such service.

And basing the order upon the foregoing finding of fact and upon the statements of fact contained in the foregoing opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the transfer of the property of the Camarillo Water Company from Stanton Baker to Mary Elizabeth Baker, his wife, be and the same is hereby approved.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Camarillo Water Company,

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 August 31, 1922:

MONTHLY FLAT RATE

1.- Residence of five rooms or less, including toilet and bath.....	\$2.00
For each private garage with not more than one automobile.....	.25
For each additional automobile.....	.15
For each private barn, not to exceed two horses, cows or goats.....	.25
For each additional horse, cow, or goat.....	.15
2.- Apartments or flat buildings, when served through a single service:	
For each apartment of 3 rooms or less.....	1.50
For each additional room.....	.15
For each bath or toilet.....	.25
For each garage, with not more than one automobile.....	.25
For each additional automobile.....	.15
3.- For Hotels or Lodging Houses:	
For each room without running water.....	.20
For each room with running water.....	.30
For each bath tub or shower bath in connection with room.....	.25
For each public bath tub or shower bath.....	1.25
For each public toilet.....	1.25
For each public urinal.....	.50
4.- For Restaurants, eating houses, or public dining room:	
For each unit seating capacity.....	.10
For each toilet or urinal.....	1.00
5.- For public garages and service stations with not more than 6 automobiles.....	3.00

For each additional automobile.....	\$ .25
For each toilet or urinal.....	1.00
6.- For Barber Shops, not more than two chairs...	2.00
For each additional chair.....	.50
For each bath tub or shower bath.....	1.00
7.- For Banks, Professional Offices, Billiard Parlors, Fraternal Halls, Clubrooms, Churches, Plumbing Shops, and Shops and Stores not otherwise listed.....	2.00
8.- For Drug Stores, Dental Offices, and Photograph Galleries.....	3.00
9.- For Bottling Works, Creameries, Slaughter Houses and Laundries.....	5.00
10.- For Blacksmith Shops, Machine Shops, Lumber Yards, Printing Offices, Bakeries, Under- taking Parlors, Warehouses, Grocery Stores, Butcher Shops and Large Stores....	3.00
11.- Theatres:	
Base rate.....	2.00
For each toilet or urinal.....	1.00
12.- For Soda Fountains, Ice Cream Parlors, or Soft Drink Establishments, either alone or in connection with other business.....	3.00
13.- For Office Buildings:	
For each office with running water.....	.75
For each toilet or urinal.....	1.00
14.- For public drinking fountain.....	1.50
15.- For sprinkling or irrigation of Lawns, Gardens, Shrubbery, etc., for each square yard actually irrigated.....	.005
16.- For Building Work:	
For Mortar and to Dampen 1000 bricks.....	.20
For Cement Work, per barrel.....	.15
For Plastering, per 100 square yards.....	.50
17.- For Steam Boilers, according to size.....	2.00 to 5.00
18.- For Barns, including two horses or cows.....	.25
For each additional horse or cow.....	.15
19.- For all users not specified above the meter rates are to be charged.	

Meters may be installed upon any service at the option of the consumer or the utility. When placed at the option of the consumer, a deposit of \$15.00 may be collected, returnable in water at the rate of half the water bill each month until the entire amount has been returned.

MONTHLY METER RATES

From 0 to 500 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet.....	\$0.30
From 500 to 1000 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet.....	.25
From 1000 to 5000 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet.....	.20
All in excess of 5000 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet..	.10

MONTHLY MINIMUM METER CHARGE

5/8-inch meter.....	\$1.50
3/4-inch meter.....	2.00
1 -inch meter.....	3.00
1½-inch meter.....	4.00
2 -inch meter.....	5.50
3 -inch meter.....	8.00
4 -inch meter.....	12.00
6 -inch meter.....	15.00

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Camarillo Water Company 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 its consumers, such rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance by the Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of August, 1922.

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