Decision No. //261.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of CORNELIUS J. HORGAN, for a certificate to operate a public utility water system to serve on the tract known as "Highcroft", near Hilton, Sonoma County, California, and authority to establish an equitable rate for the service rendered.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 8263.

Cornelius J. Horgan, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION

Cornelius J. Horgan, applicant in the above entitled proceeding, asks in effect that this Commission make its order granting him a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system as a public utility. The system in question supplies consumers in the tract known as "Highcroft", located near Hilton.

Sonoma County, California. He also asks authority to establish an equitable rate for the service rendered.

A public hearing was held in this application before

Examiner Satterwhite, at San Francisco, of which due notice was

published in a Sonoma County newspaper of general circulation, and
interested parties were given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

The evidence shows that the system was installed in 1915 to serve water for domestic purposes in the tract known as "Higheroft"; that applicant came into possession of the unsold property of the tract, which consisted of the greater portion thereof, together with the water system installed therein, on July 14, 1922; that subsequent

to that time eight consumers have been served at a rate of \$7.50 per annum, in addition to supplying domestic service to applicant's own property; that to provide for future demands applicant is now installing a larger tank and improving the distribution system, with the intention of providing public utility service.

No other source of water supply is available to the residents of "Higheroft".

The system as it exists is shown by a report submitted by Mr. J. G. Hunter, of the Commission's engineering staff, to consist of a dug well 64 inches in diameter and 43 feet deep, from which water is pumped by a deep-well cylinder pump driven by a 2-horse power electric motor, into a 2300 gallon redwood tank, from which extend approximately 2600 feet of distribution mains ranging in diameter from 2 inches to 1/2 inch. No meters have yet been installed upon the service connections. Mr. Hunter estimates that the system at this time represents an investment of \$923.

No objection to the granting of this application was offered.

From the evidence it appears that public convenience and necessity require that applicant be authorized to operate his water system as a public utility for the service of water to the residents of "Highcroft".

ORDER

CORNELIUS J. HORGAN having made application 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 present and future public convenience and necessity require, and will require Cornelius J. Horgan to operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic purposes to consumers on the tract known as "Highcroft"; and, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cornelius J. Horgan be and he

is hereby authorized to operate a water system as a public utility, supplying water to consumers on the tract known as "Highcroft", located near Hilton, Sonoma County, California, in the manner prescribed by the Public Utilities Act of the State of California.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that Cornelius J. Horgan be and he is hereby directed to file with this Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this order a schedule of the rates to be charged for all water delivered to his consumers.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that Cornelius J. Horgan be and he is hereby directed to file with this Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, rules and regulations to govern relations with his consumers.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 732d day of November, 1922.

Commissioners.