

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 2380

In the Matter of the Application)
of WALNUT GROVE WATER WORKS for)
Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity.)

Application No. 1469.

Arthur E. Dennis, for Applicant.

GORDON, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

The application in this matter relates that Sidney Smith is conducting a water utility business under the fictitious firm name of Walnut Grove Water Works; that there is no company or individual supplying water in the territory covered in the franchise granted to the applicant by the County of Los Angeles, and that public convenience and necessity require water to be furnished by the applicant.

There were presented with the application copies of the notice that such franchise had been granted the applicant and evidence of his registry under the stated firm name with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County.

It was developed by investigation and during the progress of a public hearing conducted in this matter that Sidney Smith had entered into agreement with Phillip L. Wilson, M. M. Colvin and C. J. Gardner, whereby there was granted to the applicant rights of way, plant sites and certain physical properties which, together, constitute the utility property. This property, it is stated, represents an investment of \$5313.60.

It is stated in the application that applicant intends to finance and extend the system, but the means whereby this is to be accomplished are not involved in this proceeding.

The rates proposed to be charged by applicant are as follows:

5/8" or 3/4" meter	-----	\$1.50	per month
1" "	-----	2.00	" "
1 1/2" "	-----	2.50	" "
2" "	-----	3.00	" "
First 600 cu. ft.	-----	1.50	" "
20¢ per 100 cu. ft. all over 600 cu. ft.			

For irrigation, \$1.00 per hour for the full capacity of the plant.

The rate for irrigation is that established by the agreement whereby the applicant obtained possession of the property and which is referred to above.

The testimony indicates that returns, provided the use for irrigation continues as it has during the past season, will be sufficient merely to cover the actual cost of maintenance and operation and will not provide interest on the investment.

I submit the following form of order:

ORDER

Walnut Grove Water Works having applied for a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the rights and privileges granted by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County in Ordinance No. 360, adopted on June 22, 1914, in the portion of Los Angeles County described in that Ordinance, in the matter of supplying water for domestic and irrigation purposes, and a public hearing having been conducted and the Commission being fully apprised in the premises,--

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED by the Railroad Commission of the State of California that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by Walnut Grove Water Works of the rights and privi-

leges granted to applicant by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County in Ordinance No. 360, adopted June 22, 1914.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of May, 1915.

Max Thelen
H. H. Valand
Alex Gordon
Edwin W. Edgerton
Commissioners.