

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Decision No. 3775

ORIGINAL

CITY OF LOS BANOS, a municipality,

Complainant

vs

WEST SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER COMPANY (a corporation),

Defendant.

Case No. 822.

In the matter of the Application of WEST SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER COMPANY (a corporation) for an order authorizing an increase in water rates.

Application No. 1854

Stephen P. Galvin for City of Los Banos.

Edward F. Treadwell for West San Joaquin Valley Water Company.

LOVELAND, Commissioner.

OPINION ON RE-HEARING

A rehearing in these proceedings was held in San Francisco on September 26, 1916.

From the evidence now before us, we find that defendant proceeded in June to meter 32 of its consumers and it will not now be necessary to make any provision therefor in the order herewith. The extension into the Wilson re-subdivision however, has not been started.

The order in this decision will not contain any reference to the chlorination plant mentioned in the former decision in these proceedings, as separate and distinct action by the State Board of Health is being taken in that matter, jurisdiction over which, under Chapter 649, Statutes of 1915, is vested in that Board.

The only remaining issue aside from the question of rates is the matter of the extension into the Wilson Re-subdivision and no further evidence has been introduced other than to substantiate the demand for service in that district.

The defendant company has presented tables showing what revenue would have been received if the proposed schedule of rates had been in effect since January 1, 1916. The heaviest month's use, as for August and September, do not appear. Neither is there any inclusion of revenue that will result from extension into Wilson Re-subdivision. It was argued at the recent hearing that for use of water over 2000 cubic feet per month the effect of the Commission's new rate schedule would be to decrease the meter bills, and that considerable loss would occur. The meter rate proposed 500 cubic feet for \$1.50 and the next 1000 cubic feet at 20¢ per 100 cubic feet with excess at 15¢ per 100 cubic feet.

With the elimination from consideration of the items hereinbefore mentioned, I am convinced that the schedule of rates prescribed in our order dated July 1, 1916, will return to defendant company during the year succeeding their installation the revenue to which the company is entitled.

ORDER ON RE-HEARING

A re-hearing in this case and application having been held, and it appearing necessary to modify our previous order in a few particulars,

The Railroad Commission of California hereby orders the West San Joaquin Valley Water Company to extend its mains into the Wilson Re-subdivision so as to furnish adequate domestic service and fire protection to that district;

The Railroad Commission of California hereby finds as a fact that the rates now charged by West San Joaquin Valley Water Company for water are unjust and unreasonable insofar as they differ from the rates hereafter established.

The Railroad Commission of California hereby finds as a fact that the following rates are just and reasonable rates to be charged for water sold by West San Joaquin Valley Water Company and hereby establishes such schedule as the rates which said company is authorized to collect under the provisions of this order.

FLAT RATES

\$1.80 per month for tenements occupied by a single family or private boarding house, and to include toilet and bath fixtures.

\$1.25 per month for each fire hydrant, with monthly minimum of \$45.00

All other flat rates as per Ordinance No. 71, of the City of Los Banos, at present in effect.

METER RATES

\$1.50 per month for 500 cubic feet or less,
0.20 per 100 cubic feet for the next 1000 cubic feet,
0.15 per 100 cubic feet for all excess over 1500 cubic feet per month.

MUNICIPAL USE

\$0.15 per 100 cubic feet.

Authority to put into operation these rates will not become effective until West San Joaquin Valley Water Company shall have given to this Commission satisfactory evidence that the extension into the Wilson Re-subdivision, required by this order; has been made and the Commission shall have issued a supplemental order stating that fact and that the rates herein proposed may become operative.

This order hereby supersedes the order made
by this Commission in these proceedings on July 1, 1916.

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 October, 1916.

Max Thelen
H. J. Rowland
Alv. Gordon
Edwin O. Edgeston

Commissioners.