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Decision No. 3903

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application)
of KATE F. WATERMAN for an order)
authorizing a uniform charge for)
water service.)

Application

No. 2442.

William B. Pringle for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

This is an application by KATE F. WATERMAN for an order authorizing reasonable and uniform rates for water sold by petitioner in a certain tract or sub-division known as Sonoma Highlands, near Boyes Springs, Sonoma County.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held at Boyes Springs on September 8, 1916. The hearing in this case was consolidated with that of four other water utilities, serving adjoining territory, which had filed similar applicants. Evidence was presented in

behalf of petitioner herein and consumers of Sonoma Highlands.

The rates at present charged by Kate F. Waterman to consumers are \$1.50 per month when premises are occupied. A charge of fifty cents per month is made when premises are unoccupied. As no meters are in use, a meter rate has not existed.

Applicant has been delivering water to eight consumers during the present year. The only appraisal of the property in testimony was presented at the hearing by Milo E. Brinkley, one of the Commission's engineers. Both operating and non-operating property were included in this estimate, as it was difficult to separate the two on account of the small number of consumers. The estimate totaled:

Reproduction cost	\$4,231.
Reproduction cost less depreciation	4,094.
Annual depreciation 5% sinking fund	63.

According to the testimony of the Commission's engineer, the present eight consumers could be served by a much smaller plant. In fact, the plant has been built as an appurtenance to building lots, which are being sold to prospective consumers, and the development is much greater than is necessary for the convenience of the present consumers. The gross revenue amounted to only \$59. in 1915. Under the circumstances, we believe the rates to be established should be no greater than

those which have been fixed for the other utilities concerned in the consolidated hearing, on account of the similarity in water use and the probable cost of service to each consumer.

Applicant should be required to file with this Commission rules and regulations governing service.

We find as a fact that the rates of Kate F. Waterman, insofar as they differ from the rates herein found reasonable, are unjust and unremunerative, and the rates as set out in the order accompanying this opinion are hereby found to be just and reasonable.

O R D E R

KATE F. WATERMAN having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing a reasonable and uniform rate to be charged her consumers for water,

And a public hearing having been held and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA that the rates now charged by applicant, insofar as they differ from the rates hereinafter in this order set out, are unjust

and unreasonable, and that the rates set out in this order are just and reasonable rates to be charged by applicant to its consumers for water.

Basing its order upon the foregoing findings of fact contained in the opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of the State of California that applicant is authorized to file with this Commission the following schedule of rates, said rates to become effective January 1, 1917.

- (A) Six dollars annually to be paid in advance.
- (B) In addition to the annual charge, the payment for each month during which any water is used as follows:

(I) Flat Rates:

1. Stores and offices	\$.50
2. Houses of four rooms or less. ....	.50
a. Additional for each room. ....	.10
3. Hotels:	
a. Dining rooms	2.00
b. Bedrooms, per room .....	.10
4. Restaurants	1.00
5. Barber shops, per chair, .....	.50
6. Horses or cows each .....	.10
7. Auxilliary uses:	
a. Private toilets .....	.10
b. Private bathtubs .....	.10
c. Public toilets .....	.50
d. Public bathtubs .....	.50
e. Soda fountains and ice cream parlors .....	.50
f. Irrigation of lawns and gardens per 100 sq. ft. during irrigation .....	.02

(II) Meter Rates:

- \$.50 for 250 cubic feet or less.
- .20 for each 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof for next 1,750 cubic feet.
- .15 for each 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof in excess of 2,000 cubic feet.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that within the period of fifteen (15) days from the date of this order applicant shall file for the approval of this Commission rules and regulations governing its service of water.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd
December
day of ~~November~~, 1916.

W. B. Howard
H. J. Gordon

Frank R. DeLeon

Commissioners