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Decision No. 3918

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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City of Los Banos,
Complainant,

-vs-

West San Joaquin Valley
Water Company,
Defendant.

Case No. 822

In the Matter of the Applica-)
tion of West San Joaquin Valley)
Water Company 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 REHEARING

The West San Joaquin Valley Water Company has applied for a rehearing upon the last order of this Commission in these cases issued October 10, 1916, under Decision No. 3775.

Since the original order prescribing the rates to be charged by West San Joaquin Valley Water Company was made a careful check has been kept to determine whether said rates would return the amount of increased revenue to which the Commission

found the Company to be entitled. This check has revealed the fact that said rates will not return the amount of revenue intended. Accordingly, it is necessary so to revise the schedule of rates as to provide for this deficit. The manner in which the schedule should be so revised has been considered by the Commission, the City of Los Banos and the Company. It has been concluded to revise the schedule in respect to the annual charge for fire hydrant service. This revision has been approved by the City attorney of Los Banos as being the most fair and proper way to meet the deficit.

The charge at present in effect for hydrant rental is \$1.25 per hydrant per month and I find it necessary to increase the payment for fire protection to a flat charge of \$100. per month irrespective of the number of hydrants. In all other respects the former schedule of rates shall remain as before outlined.

ORDER

West San Joaquin Valley Water Company having applied for a rehearing in these proceedings and it appearing to this Commission that the schedule previously outlined may not provide the revenue to which the utility has been found entitled,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of California that the order heretofore made and filed in Decision No. 3775 herein be and the same is hereby modified to read as follows:

West San Joaquin Valley Water Company is hereby ordered to extend its mains into the Wilson Resubdivision so as to furnish adequate domestic service and fire protection to that district; and

West San Joaquin Valley Water Company is hereby ordered to install a chlorination apparatus for water delivered to its consumers in Los Banos and adjacent territory.

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 in so far 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.

\$100. per month to be paid by the town of Los Banos for fire service.

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.

20 cents per 100 cubic feet for the next 1,000 cubic feet.

15 cents per 100 cubic feet for all excess over 1,500 cubic feet per month.

Meters to be installed at option of consumer or utility.

MUNICIPAL USE

15 cents per 100 cubic feet.

This order hereby supersedes the order made by this Commission in these proceedings on October 10, 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 6th
day of December, 1916.

W. S. Hayward

Alex Gordon

Stanford

Commissioners.