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Decision No. 5317

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of)
WALNUT CREEK WATER COMPANY, a cor-)
poration, for an order authorizing) Application No. 3104.
the installation of meters and the)
charging of a meter rate.)

Winfield Dorn for Applicant.
William J. Locke for City of
Walnut Creek.

DEVLIN, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N .

Heretofore Walnut Creek Water Company filed its application herein requesting the authority of the Commission to establish rates set forth in its application.

Public hearing was had on the application, at which hearing protest was made by the City of Walnut Creek, appearing through its City Attorney, and other consumers. At the conclusion of the testimony, time was granted for the filing of briefs and thereafter the matter was submitted.

The City of Walnut Creek, through its Attorney, at the hearing resisted the application of the Company as to the amount of increase asked for.

Many questions were presented both of an engineering and legal character which, for reasons hereinafter stated, it will be unnecessary to discuss and pass upon in this opinion.

The City Attorney of Walnut Creek has addressed a letter to the Commission advising the Commission that on May 1, 1918, at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Walnut Creek a large delegation from the Chamber of Commerce of that town and other individual citizens requested that this Commission grant the application of the Company, in which request the Board of Trustees also joins.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that opposition to the increase asked for by the Company has been withdrawn and that the application for such increase has been concurred in by the Board of Trustees of Walnut Creek, and the other parties referred to, and under the peculiar conditions now existing with regard to the supply of water in that community, it is my opinion that the increase prayed for by the Company should be granted.

The rate now in effect and charged by applicant is \$1.50 per month per connection regardless of the amount of water used or the character of use. Applicant now desires to install meters and apply a uniform rate of 50 cents per thousand gallons.

For the reasons hereinbefore stated, I recommend that the application be granted and submit the following form of order:

O R D E R .

WALNUT CREEK WATER COMPANY having made application to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for authority to install meters to be used in connection with the sale and distribution of its water supply, and to charge for

water supplied at the rate of 50 cents per thousand gallons,
and the Commission being fully apprised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above application
be granted and that the change of rate may be made effective
on or after June 1, 1918.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Walnut Creek
Water Company file with the Commission within fifteen (15)
days from the date of this order a statement setting forth
the schedule of rates provided for herein.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved
and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Com-
mission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day
of May, 1918.

Max Thelen
H. W. Leonard
Edwin C. Edgerton
Alv. Gordon
Frank R. Decker

Commissioners.