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Decision No. 5417

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application
of FALL RIVER MILLS WATER COMPANY
for an Order authorizing the
installation of meters and fixing
of Meter Rates.

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) Application No. 3534.
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W. A. Wilson for
Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application the Fall River Mills Water Company asks for the establishment of meter rates, a public hearing having been held at Fall River Mills April 25th, 1918, before Examiner Encell.

Evidence was presented at this hearing in behalf of applicant and consumers. In Decision No. 4493, the Commission established the rates under which the utility is now operating. These are all flat rates and no meter rate has ever been established. Owing to the violation of the rules and regulations now existing with respect to water waste and the consequent deficiency in revenue, the applicant desires to install meters. The evidence shows that the

power for pumping through an 80 foot lift costs 8-1/3¢ per thousand gallons and the average amount of water pumped throughout the year is approximately 6000 gallons per day. This figure is also arrived at by estimating from the power bill. Service is given to twenty-four consumers, who on this basis have an average use of 180,000 gallons per month. The operating expenses in 1917 were \$580.33 according to the utility's annual report and their revenue was \$545.74. This deficiency it is expected will be eliminated with the establishment of equitable meter rates, the reduction in water waste and consequent decrease in the power bill and annual charges. The meter rates herein established are based on such reductions and we believe they will assist in providing sufficient revenue to meet the annual charges.

O R D E R

FALL RIVER MILLS WATER COMPANY having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing an increase in the rates to be charged their 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 rate set out in this order is a just and reasonable rate to be charged by applicant to its consumers for water. Basing its order

on the foregoing findings of fact and the further findings of fact contained in the opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant is authorized to file with this Commission the following schedule of rates, said rates to become effective July 1st, 1918.

METER RATE

Minimum \$1.00 monthly for 300 cu. ft or less
From 300 to 2000 cu. ft. \$.25 per 100 cu. ft.
Over 2000 cu. ft. .15 per 100 cu. ft.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th
day of June, 1918.

H. D. Loveland

Alex. Gordon

Edwin O. Egan

Frank R. Doherty

Commissioners.