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In the matter of the Application)
of C. B. PEARSON for permission)
to discontinue service of water.)

Application No. 6119

C. B. Pearson for Applicant.
F. M. Mc Intyre and L. E. Weeks
for Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application of C. B. Pearson for authority of this Commission to discontinue service of water to three consumers who are now being served by him.

The applicant is the owner of a certain piece of real property near Willows, California, upon which his predecessors in interest sunk a well from which water was pumped for irrigation purposes. As a neighborly accommodation, applicant's predecessors in interest furnished water to three neighboring small ranches. Applicant continued after the acquisition of his property to so furnish the said neighbors at a price mutually agreeable between all parties, which was sufficient to pay the expenses of running the motor and pump in connection with said water supply. Applicant, by so doing, has placed himself within the purview of the statute which provides that any person furnishing water to the public or any portion thereof for compensation becomes a public utility. However, if a valuation is placed upon the operative property used and useful in connection with this service and a return be provided therefor together with a reasonable amount for depreciation and maintenance and operation, the result would be a prohibitive schedule of rates.

The testimony at the hearing shows that a subterranean supply of water is obtainable by all of applicant's consumers.

A certain length of time will be necessary, however, for these consumers to provide themselves with wells therefrom.

Action in this matter has been delayed for the reason that the war emergency conditions made it impracticable for a change in existing conditions to be made.

O R D E R

C. B. PEARSON having made application for the permission to discontinue service of water, a public hearing having been held in the matter and the Railroad Commission being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that C. B. Pearson be and he is hereby directed to continue service of water for irrigation during the year 1919 to the extent and to the parties to whom he was furnishing such service previous to the time of the filing of this application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be and he is hereby given authority to discontinue such service on or after January 1, 1920.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of February, 1919.

Edwin O. Edgerton
H. V. Baird
Frank Weston
H. P. Brundage
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Commissioners.