

Decision No. 7492

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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In the Matter of the Application of))
LA RICA WATER COMPANY for permission) APPLICATION NO. 5129.
to increase the rate charged for ir-)
rigation water.)

LA RICA WATER COMPANY
L. G. SEEBLTON for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

By its Amended Application filed at the hearing, La Rica Water Company requests authority to increase its rate charged for irrigation water to \$2.25 per pumping hour.

The public hearing upon the above application was held by Examiner Westover in Los Angeles.

Applicant operates a small pumping plant in Baldwin Park, Los Angeles County, from which it supplies water to a small group of irrigators and nine or ten domestic consumers. Its present rate of \$1.25 per hour for the operation of its 42 H. P. gasoline engine and pump, shows a deficit in operation expenses of \$603.87 for 1916; \$ 286.25 for 1917; \$754.99 for 1918; and \$441.00 for 1919. Last year it furnished water for irrigation for 175 acres and pumped 1353 hours. It expects to supply irrigation water during the current year for 135 to 140 acres. At the ratio of hours pumped per acre, shown by last year's operations, it will probably pump about 1120 hours. Our engineers estimate the operating expenses at the present increased costs of fuel, labor, and supplies at \$2500.00. The rate requested

by applicant is \$2.25 per hour for the operation of the pump, the capacity of which is estimated at 100 to 200 miner's inches per hour, varying with pumping conditions and the advance of the irrigation season.

All of the consumers were notified of the hearing, several were in attendance and none objected to an increase of rate if it was found upon computation to be reasonable.

The testimony justifies the increase requested and the application should be granted.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, the Commission being fully advised, and the matter being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND that the rate heretofore charged by the La Rica Water Company for irrigation water is unreasonable and non-compensatory, but that the rate hereinafter set forth is a just and reasonable rate. Basing its order herein upon the above findings of fact and upon and all the findings of fact contained in the opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the La Rica Water Company be and is hereby authorized and empowered to charge and collect for irrigating water delivered at its pumping plant the sum of \$2.25 per hour of operation of its pumping plant; provided, said

applicant first file with the Commission its schedule showing
said rate within twenty(20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day
of April, 1920.

H. D. Leonard

Frank R. DeWitt

H. N. Brundige