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Decision No. 7657

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application)
of CLYDE COMPANY, a corporation,)
for an order for the issuance of)
a certificate of public convenience)
and necessity.)

Application No. 4937.

Winfield Dorn for applicant.
 Wm. B. Acton for Bay Point Utilities Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Clyde Company applies for certificate that public convenience and necessity require it to operate a water system supplying domestic water to the town of Clyde in Contra Costa County.

A public hearing upon the application was held by Examiner Westover at Clyde.

At the hearing leave was granted to file supplemental application establishing water rates and thereupon evidence was submitted on both matters.

Clyde Company is a California corporation organized April 19, 1918 for the purpose of acquiring and subdividing the townsite of Clyde and constructing residences to

house the workers at the Pacific Coast Shipbuilding Company's plant at Bay Point, near Clyde. Its stock is owned by the Shipbuilding Company, which in turn has pledged it to the U.S. Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, as collateral security for a loan of \$750,000, secured also by mortgage on the townsite.

The water system consists of a 200,000 gallon tank and 8 inch, 6 inch and 4 inch cast iron pipe with about 800 lineal feet of standard screw pipe by which water is distributed to 106 service connections. The system has sufficient capacity to serve 300 homes. 103 houses have been built; also a hotel to accommodate 120 guests. At the time of the hearing 16 of the houses were occupied.

Water is purchased at scheduled wholesale rates from Bay Point Utilities Company, which pumps from wells and delivers water into the distribution mains of applicant at a pressure of approximately 65 to 70 pounds. The excess water goes to a 200,000 gallon redwood stave tank on an elevation above the town, controlled by an automatic valve at the tank. No other utility serves water in the town of Clyde.

The report of applicant's construction engineer shows the actual construction cost of the system in 1919, including 5% for contractor's profit, 5% for engineering fee, general overhead at 12%, and one acre tank site, was \$56,419.

The system is so overbuilt for present needs that applicant does not ask an adequate rate based upon cost of operation or investment but requests the establishment of the

rates which it has charged and collected since beginning operation in August, 1919. These rates are substantially the retail rates of Bay Point Utilities Company but expressed in gallons because applicant's meters register in gallons. The rates requested are those set forth in the order, except that the minimum payments shown are based upon size of meters.

O R D E R

Clyde Company, a corporation, having applied for certificate that public convenience and necessity require it to operate domestic water system in the town of Clyde and for authority to charge and collect certain rates therefor, a public hearing having been held upon the application and the matter being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that public convenience and necessity require applicant to operate its water system supplying domestic water to the inhabitants of the town of Clyde, Contra Costa County.

IT IS HEREBY FOUND that the rates hereinafter set forth are just and reasonable rates to be charged and collected for said service.

Basing its order upon such finding and upon each finding of fact contained in the opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Clyde Company be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to file with the Commission within 30 days hereafter, and thereafter to charge and collect the following schedule of rates for the water service

hereinabove referred to, to-wit:

Quantity rates	Per thousand gallons
For the 1st 4000 gals.	40¢
" " next 11,000 "	26¢
" " " 7,000 "	20¢
" " " 7,000 "	18¢
" all over 29,000 "	16¢

For street sprinkling, sewer flushing and irrigation of trees, shrubbery and lawns in public places, regular meter rates.

Monthly minimum payments for metered service.

For 5/8" meters	\$1.00
" 3/4" "	1.25
" 1" "	1.75
" 1 1/2" "	2.50
" 2" "	3.25

Dated at San Francisco, California, this

1st day of June 1920.

Edwin O. Edgerton
F. B. Loveland
Dwight Martin

Commissioners.