

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 7672

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of GEORGE M. PHELPS for authority to increase the rate charged for water served to certain consumers for irrigation use.

) Application No. 5164.  
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George M. Phelps in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

George M. Phelps applies for authority to increase the rate charged for irrigation water served to certain of his neighbors from a pumping plant upon his farm located at the corner of Olive and Baldwin Avenues, near San Gabriel, Los Angeles County.

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

Mr. Phelps now charges those located at a lower elevation than the plant a rate of 90 cents per hour, and those located at a higher elevation than the plant a rate of \$1.00 per hour for the entire output of the pump. This output

appears to be approximately 1.07 cubic feet per second or 54 miner's inches, as commonly used in southern California. Applicant showed that under existing conditions he is operating at a loss, and asks that he be granted a rate of \$1.25 per hour for the output of his plant. He expects to serve only about 78 acres in 1920, which is approximately one-half of the area served in 1919. This is due to certain consumers obtaining their principal water supply for irrigation from other sources.

The estimated cost of applicant's plant is <sup>about</sup> \$5000. Annuity for replacement is computed at about \$215 and maintenance and operation in 1919, excluding taxes and attendance cost \$705.88. During the year 1919 the plant was operated 1449 hours and the gross revenue was \$1346. If the rate last year had been \$1.25 per hour as requested herein, the revenue would have covered an allowance of 25¢ per hour for attendance taxes and incidentals. From the above facts it appears that the application should be granted.

#### ORDER

George M. Phelps having applied for authority to increase the rate charged for irrigation water served to his consumers, a public hearing having been held and the Commission being fully apprised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the rates now charged by George M. Phelps, in so far as they differ from

the rates herein established are unjust and unreasonable and that the rate herein established is just and reasonable, and,

Basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and upon the further statements of fact contained in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that George M. Phelps be and he is hereby authorized to file with the Railroad Commission within twenty (20) days from the date of this order and thereafter charge the following rate:

For each hour plant is operated at full capacity in furnishing irrigation water to a consumer, the charge shall be..... \$1.25

The minimum charge shall be for one hour's operation of the plant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the flow furnished shall be not less than the standard flow heretofore furnished, i.e. a head of three and five-eighths (3-5/8) inches over a twenty-four (24) inch rectangular weir, with full contractions, equivalent to approximately one and seven-hundredths (1.07) cubic feet per second.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1920.

Edwin G. Colquhoun  
H. O. Loveland  
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Commissioners.