

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of
Wilhelm and Bertha Kretschmer, joint
owners of a water plant, for increase
of rates or discontinuance of public
utility water service.)

) Application No. 5652.

Wilhelm and Bertha Kretschmer in propria persona.
Mattie Laughlin in propria persona.

BRUNDIGE, Commissioner.

OPINION.

Applicants in the above entitled matter are the owners of a small water plant located at 735 West 116th Street, Los Angeles, from which they serve water for domestic purposes to two consumers at the rate of \$1.50 per 1000 cu. ft. for the four months during the winter and \$2.00 per 100 cu. ft. for eight months during the summer. It appears that one of applicant's consumers received service throughout all of last year, while the other received service for only the last three months of the year, due to the house being vacant up to that time.

Applicants were unable to make any statement as to cost of maintenance and operation or revenue received for 1919, but stated that the present revenue does not provide for the cost of maintenance and operation, due to the high cost of gasoline and repairs.. Inasmuch as the consumers have no other water supply available, applicants stated that they would be willing to continue the service if a rate were established which would more adequately compensate them for the

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service rendered.

A study has been made of the probable maintenance and operation costs for the year 1920, and it appears that \$90.00 will fully cover this item, not including interest on investment or depreciation. Taking into consideration the statement of applicants that they use for their own purposes as much water as their other two consumers combined, the proposed rate will provide a return of approximately \$120.00 for the operation of the plant. This amount will meet the reasonable maintenance and operation charges, provide a replacement fund and a fair return on the investment.

ORDER.

Wilhelm and Bertha Kretschmer having made application to the Railroad Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held and the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

It is hereby found as a fact, that the rates and charges of said Wilhelm and Bertha Kretschmer, in so far as they differ from the rates herein established are unjust and unreasonable, and that the rates hereinafter set out are just and reasonable rates,

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Wilhelm and Bertha Kretschmer be, and they are hereby directed to continue the operation of their public utility water service, and they are hereby further authorized and directed to file with this Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this order, and thereafter charge and collect the following rate for service, said rate to be and become effective July 1, 1920, and to supersede any rates for this service theretofore in effect:

\$2.50 per month for 1000 cu. ft.
minimum,
\$0.25 for each 100 cu. ft. additional.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of June, 1920.

A. D. Loveland

Frank P. Wilson

H. H. Brundage

James Martin
Commissioners.