

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 8487

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the Application)
of CLEMENS A. FELDMEYER, for an)
order authorizing increase of) Application No. 5602.
water rates.)

Clemens A. Feldmeyer in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

Clemens A. Feldmeyer, applicant in the above entitled proceeding, owns and operates a public utility water system which supplies water for domestic and commercial use to the inhabitants of Geyserville, Sonoma County. The application in this matter alleges in effect that the present rates are not uniform and do not yield sufficient revenue to provide operating expenses, depreciation and a reasonable return upon the investment. The Commission is petitioned, therefore, to establish an adequate schedule of rates.

A public hearing was held in this matter in Geyserville, October 13, 1920. All interested parties were notified and given an opportunity to be present and be heard.

The present rates were arbitrarily adopted by the owner of the system in 1906 and are as follows:

Monthly flat rate varying from 50 cents to \$1.25
(Not uniform)

METER RATES

Minimum monthly charge entitling consumer to 1250 cubic feet of water-----	\$1.25
Up to 3000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.10
All over 3000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.08

The entire water supply is obtained from a shallow well, thence it is pumped into a 40,000 gallon concrete lined reservoir and a 20,000 gallon redwood stave tank, from which the water is distributed by gravity through about 8000 feet of steel pipe, which ranges from 4" to 3/4" in diameter. On October 1, 1920, there were 83 active services, of which 14 were metered.

Mr. M. R. MacKall, one of the Commission's hydraulic engineers, submitted a report showing an appraisal of this plant, based as far as possible upon the available records of actual original cost, of \$5277; a depreciation annuity, computed by the sinking fund method, of \$86, and a reasonable annual allowance for maintenance and operation expense of \$1019. No appraisal of the water utility property was introduced by the applicant. A careful consideration of all the evidence leads to the conclusion that the estimates presented by the Commission's engineer are fair and reasonable and they are used for the purposes of this proceeding.

The total annual charges, based upon the foregoing figures, are \$1527, while the revenue for the year 1919 was \$1097. It appears therefore that the applicant is entitled to an increase in revenue. The schedule established in the accompanying order is designed to yield sufficient revenue to meet the reasonable and necessary cost of maintaining and operating the system, provide a proper replacement annuity and produce a fair return upon the capital invested.

O R D E R

CLEMENS A. FELDMEYER, having made application in the above entitled matter, a public hearing having been held thereon and the

Commission being fully apprised in the matter;

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT, that the rates now charged by Clemens A. Feldmeyer for water supplied to his consumers, are unjust and unreasonable insofar as they differ from the rates herein established, and that the rates herein established are just and reasonable rates for such service, and basing its order upon the foregoing finding of fact and upon the statements of fact contained in the opinion which precedes this order;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Clemens A. Feldmeyer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within twenty (20) days from the date of this order, the following rates for water delivered to his consumers in Geyserville, and vicinity, said rates to be charged on all bills rendered on and after February 1, 1921:

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

Residences-----	\$1.50
Private garages, provided with a water tap-----	.50
Private stables including one horse and vehicle---	.25
For each additional animal-----	.10
Sprinkling and irrigating lawns, gardens, shrubbery, etc., per square yard of surface actually irrigated-----	.005
Butcher shops, bakeries, restaurants, saloons, creameries, photograph galleries, public garages, ice cream parlors and soda fountains---	2.00
Barber Shops-----	1.50
Public baths, with one tub-----	1.00
For each additional tub installed in same establishment-----	.50
Public Halls-----	1.50
Public Watering Troughs-----	1.00
For stores, used also for residential purposes, additional-----	1.00
Other stores and offices-----	1.50
For street sprinkling in front of premises-----	.50

MONTHLY METER RATES

Monthly Minimum of 500 cubic feet or less-----	\$1.00
For the next 1500 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet---	.15
For all over 2000 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet---	.12

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that Clemens A. Feldmeyer be,

and he is hereby, directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules and regulations governing the service of water to his consumers, said rules and regulations to be put into effect upon their approval by the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23^d
day of December, 1920.

Elin O. Edgerton

H. D. Loveland

Frank R. DeWitt

H. R. Prudig

Commissioners.