

Decision No. 8783

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application)
of THE MARYSVILLE WATER COMPANY,)
a corporation, for an order fix-)
ing rates for water.)

Application No. 5831.

BY THE COMMISSION.

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

This Commission in its Decision No. 8696 in the above entitled matter, dated March 4, 1921, established a certain schedule of rates to be charged by the Marysville Water Company for the service rendered by it to its consumers. Subsequent to the rendition of this decision a study of the record disclosed that certain elements of expense of this water company had not been included in the annual charges set forth in the above mentioned decision. Furthermore, the City of Marysville requested that this Commission defer the effective date of the rate established for the service rendered to it until July 1, 1921. It therefore appears advisable that the order heretofore made be modified in some respects.

By stipulation applicant was permitted to file subsequent to the hearing certain statements regarding the increase in taxes which it would have to pay in the future based on the 1920-21 tax assessment. It now appears that in the annual charges computed by the Commission, after allowing for that on non-operative property, a sufficient increase in taxes had not been included. Furthermore,

certain additional salary increases have been made by the company which were not included in the annual charges, which, however, were included in the above mentioned stipulation. We wish to direct attention to the fact that while all of these increases were not specifically included, the Commission did include in the amount set forth by it certain sums partially covering the increases referred to, besides allowing for increases in certain other items. It is equitable, however, that a further allowance should be made in the annual charges for above mentioned increases actually incurred, and that a slight alteration should be made in the rate schedule established to meet these items. We desire to point out, however, that the past few years, which have been years of abnormally light rainfall, have increased the use of water for irrigation of gardens, lawns, etc., very materially, with consequent increased pumping costs; and further, that the high prices of labor and material which obtained during the past two years are now declining. A further saving in the cost of operating can undoubtedly be effected by a campaign among applicant's consumers to reduce the waste of water. Such campaigns have been very effective in other cities throughout the state.

Admittedly it is a very difficult matter to compute a rate schedule on a flat rate basis which will exactly yield the revenue which it is designed to produce. As a matter of fact, the exact income can only be obtained after the utility has actually applied the rates established to the individual consumers and totaled these charges. Attempts to compute rates by a general classification of the consumers invariably result in a lower estimated income than will be actually received by the company when the rates are put into operation.

In view of these added charges to be produced by rates, it appears fair that the municipality should bear a portion of these

increased annual charges. A careful analysis of the situation shows that otherwise the domestic consumer would be bearing more than his fair share. However, it appears reasonable that the collection of this charge by the utility should be deferred until July 1st, 1921, in order that the municipality may make provision in its budget for this increased sum to be paid by it.

The rate schedule established in the following order will in our opinion provide a fair and just revenue for this utility, and is designed, in so far as is possible with flat rates, to equitably apportion the expense among the consumers.

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

This Commission having heretofore rendered its Decision No. 8696, dated March 4, 1921, in the above entitled matter, and it appearing that certain alterations and modifications should be made in the schedule of rates established therein, and the Commission being fully apprised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT, that the rate schedule established herein is a just and reasonable rate schedule to be charged by The Marysville Water Company for water;

And basing its order upon the foregoing finding of fact, the findings of fact set out in Decision No. 8696 supra, and the further statements of fact contained in the opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of the State of California that The Marysville Water Company be and it is hereby authorized to file with the Railroad Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this order, the following schedule of rates,

said schedule of rates to supersede the schedule established in Decision No. 8696 and be effective as provided therein, notably for all bills rendered on or subsequent to March 25, 1921, except as otherwise herein specified; provided however, that the company may for convenience make the schedule herein established effective as to individual consumers at any time within twenty (20) days subsequent to the above effective date:

RATE SCHEDULE

MEASURED USE:

1. Minimum Monthly Payments:

For 3/4-inch and 5/8-inch meters.....	\$1.00
For 1 -inch meters.....	2.50
For 1 1/2 -inch meters.....	3.25
For 1 3/4 -inch meters.....	4.00
For 2 -inch meters.....	4.75
For 2 1/2 -inch meters.....	5.50
For 3 -inch meters.....	6.50

2. Monthly Quantity Rates:

For use between 0 and 1000 cubic feet, \$0.25 per 100 cu.ft.	
For use between 1000 and 3000 cubic ft., 0.18 per 100 cu.ft.	
Over 3000 cubic feet.....	0.12 per 100 cu.ft.

PUBLIC USE:

1. For fire protection service, including water used solely for the extinguishment of fires which may be drawn from not over 75 fire hydrants and the 19 fire cisterns, which latter fixtures are owned and maintained by the City, per month.....\$300.00
Additional for each hydrant over 75, per month... 1.00
2. Water used for sprinkling roads and streets by the City or County, and flushing of sewers, by computed or measured quantity, per 100 cu.ft. .12
3. All other use of water by the City or County, including municipal and county buildings and irrigation of parks and grounds, at the regular meter rates.

MONTHLY FLAT RATES:

1. Residences and tenements of 5 rooms or less, occupied by a single family.....\$1.50
For each additional room..... .15
Additional for each flush toilet or bath tub..... .25
For each private garage, for one automobile..... .50
For each additional automobile..... .25
For each private barn with not more than two horses or cows..... .65
For each additional horse or cow..... .30

2. Private boarding houses, for each roomer or boarder, additional to the family rate.....\$.10
3. Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, gardens, etc., payable every month in the year; per 100 square feet of surface watered..... .03
4. Restaurants and Cafes, per unit of seating capacity..... .12
Minimum charge..... 3.00
5. Offices: rooms in upper stories of buildings so occupied, for each room with water tap except doctors' and dentists' offices..... 1.00
6. Doctors' and dentists' offices, not exceeding two rooms with water tap..... 2.50
For each additional room with water tap..... .50
7. Drug stores.....\$2.25 to 5.00
8. Photograph galleries, or where water is used for commercial developing and printing, in addition to the rate for store or premises..... 3.00
9. Barber Shops, for single chair..... 2.00
For each additional chair..... .75
10. Soda Fountains, soft drink places, and ice cream or lunch parlors either alone or in connection with other business.....\$2.00 to 5.00
11. Bakeries, butcher shops and retail markets..... 2.25
12. Livery and sales stables or stockyards, per each of the average number of stock fed..... .35
Minimum payment..... 3.00
13. Public garages, average 6 autos or less..... 3.50
For each additional automobile..... .50
14. Blacksmith, wagon and repair shops where water is used for cooling tires, etc.,..... 2.50
15. Public halls, clubs or lodge rooms..... 1.75
Additional for buffet in connection with..... 2.00
16. For ordinary stores and shops not otherwise listed, according to use of water.....\$1.00 to 4.00
17. For use of hose in front of stores and shops for washing windows and sprinkling sidewalks, streets, etc., according to frontage, 0.25 to 1.25
18. Living rooms in connection with stores or shops, additional to store rate..... .75
19. Additional for each toilet or bath tub in 5 to 16, inclusive..... .35
20. Bathing establishments, either alone or in con-

- nection with barber shops, for one public bath tub or shower..... \$2.00
 For each additional bath tub or shower..... .60
21. Public drinking fountains in any place, each.... 1.00
22. Automatic or ordinary flush urinals according to the use of water, each.....\$0.50 to 5.00
23. Building Works:
 For mortar and to dampen brick, per 1000 brick..... .25
 For cement work and plastering, each barrel of cement or lime used..... .25
24. Water used by hotels, lodging houses and laundries and for all other purposes or establishments not herein specified to be charged for at meter rates.
25. Meters may be installed at the request of any consumer or at the option of the utility.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that in all other respects except as herein provided, said Decision No. 8696 shall remain in full force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the rates and charges relating to the City of Marysville shall be and become effective as of July 1st, 1921.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of March, 1921.

Frank Dewey
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Commissioners.