

Decision No. 2949

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of)
W.E. BRADBURY, for permission to) Application No. 6966.
collect water rates.)

H. J. Wright, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

ORIGINAL

W. E. Bradbury makes application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing him to supply water for domestic purposes in the unincorporated town of North San Juan, Nevada County, and for the establishment of rates for the service rendered.

A public hearing was held at Nevada City, before Examiner Satterwhite, of which all interested parties were notified and given an opportunity to be present and to be heard.

It appears that the original water system supplying the town was constructed in the early mining days and passed through various hands until it was acquired by Mr. Bradbury in February, 1920, after it had been abandoned by the former owner. To assist in the rehabilitation of the water system certain residents obligated themselves to pay the sum of \$75, and it was agreed that, should the town be in existence twenty years hence, the water system was then to become town property.

Some \$42 has been paid by those who agreed to advance \$75 toward the rebuilding of the system and applicant has

expended \$606 in the replacement of the main supply lines leading from the reservoir.

The water supply is purchased from Northern Water and Power Company at the rate of \$0.15 per miners inch per 24 hours, or about \$0.007 per 100 cubic feet and, after being conveyed to the town through a ditch and pipe line, is retailed at from 25 to 50 cents per week. About 13 families are supplied with water for domestic purposes and a few consumers who irrigate small tracts.

Applicant asks permission to establish the following schedule of rates:

FLAT RATES

For each residence, or family, per month,	\$1.50
For irrigating 1/4 acre, or less, per week,	0.50
For irrigating other tracts, per acre per week,	2.00

No evidence was introduced to show the original cost of the system or the actual investment other than the \$606 set forth above.

Mr. John Spencer, one of the Commission's hydraulic engineers, presented an estimate of reasonable maintenance and operating expense amounting to \$317 per year, which is slightly in excess of the estimated revenues from the collection of the rates desired by the applicant. It therefore appears that the suggested rates are not excessive and should be allowed.

No one appeared to protest the granting of a certificate or the establishment of the desired schedule of rates and it is evident that a certificate should be granted.

O R D E R

W. E. Bradbury, having made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for the establishment of rates, a public hearing having been held thereon, and the matter having been submitted,

It Is Hereby Found As A Fact that public convenience and necessity require that W. E. Bradbury be granted a certificate authorizing him, his successors and assigns, to supply water for domestic use to the residents of North San Juan, Nevada County, and

It Is Hereby Further Found As A Fact that the rates now charged by him for water supplied to consumers in North San Juan are unjust and unreasonable in so far as they differ from the rates herein established, and that the rates herein established are just and reasonable rates to be charged for such service,

And basing the order upon the foregoing findings of fact and upon the statements of fact contained in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that W. E. Bradbury be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing him, his successors and assigns, to supply water for domestic use to consumers in the town of North San Juan, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that W. E. Bradbury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to file with this Commission, within twenty (20) days of the date of this order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water delivered to consumers subsequent to January 31, 1922:

FLAT RATES

For each residence, or family, per month,	\$1.50
For irrigating 1/4 acre, or less, per week,	0.50
For irrigating other tracts, per acre per week,	2.00

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that W. E. Bradbury
be and he is hereby directed to file with this Commission,
within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, rules
and regulations to govern relations with his consumers, such
rules and regulations to become effective upon their accep-
tance by this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th
day of December, 1921.

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Commissioners.