

Decision No. 25941

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
JAMES J. RODDY for a certificate of  
public convenience and necessity.

Application No. 18599.

George De Lew, for Applicant.

WARE, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding James J. Roddy asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing him to operate a water system to serve residents of the subdivision known as "San Pedro Terrace by the Sea," in the County of San Mateo.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held at Pedro Valley.

From the evidence, it appears that during or about the year 1908 Hensley-Smith Company, a corporation engaged principally in the real estate business, subdivided a tract of land lying along the San Mateo County ocean shore south of San Francisco and installed a water system thereupon to serve prospective lot purchasers. This subdivision was originally designated as "San Pedro Terrace by the Sea," but is now generally known as "Pedro Valley." The development was not successful and the water plant was soon abandoned. In 1928 the few remaining residents in this tract prevailed upon James J. Roddy to provide water for them, which at the outset was supplied by applicant under written con-

tract with each user at the flat rate of two dollars (\$2.00) per month for permanent consumers and one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per month for those who occupied their premises only during the summer and occasionally upon week-ends and holidays at other times of the year. One consumer was supplied through a meter at a rate of forty-five cents (45¢) per 1,000 gallons, or thirty-three and seven-tenths cents (33.7¢) per 100 cubic feet. The contracts provided for water service for a period of three years only and, as several of the agreements have now expired, applicant desires to continue the service as a public utility under rates established by the Commission. There are at present ten consumers obtaining water from this plant which consists of a drilled well 86 feet in depth, 2,700 feet of mains principally two inches in diameter, and a storage tank of 25,000 gallons' capacity, together with the appurtenant pumping equipment, the total estimated historical cost of which is approximately twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2,800).

At present applicant has no county franchise, permit or consent to construct and maintain pipe lines over, under and across public streets, roads, highways and alleys, although he has filed a petition with the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo requesting such authority. No objection was made to the granting of this application for a certificate and, as there are no immediate prospects of the installation of any other public utility water works to supply this community, it appears that a certificate should issue contingent upon the filing with this Commission by applicant herein of proper evidence of the granting to him of the above mentioned franchise, permit or consent from the county

authorities. However, it should be pointed out at this time that, while the water mains perhaps may be large enough for present needs, they are smaller in certain instances than standard practice demands and cannot be expected to provide adequate service to any substantial number of new water users. Should complaint arise in the future from this source, applicant will be required to install additional pipe lines of greater capacity.

The schedule of rates established in the following Order is based upon the charges in effect on systems operated by other public utilities rendering a similar service under like conditions and should provide reasonably and fairly for the various classes of demand in this community.

The following form of Order is submitted.

#### O R D E R

James J. Roddy having made application as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission now being fully advised in the premises,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require that James J. Roddy operate a public utility water system for the purpose of supplying water to the residents of San Pedro Terrace by the Sea, also known as Pedro Valley, said tract being located in San Mateo County and more particularly set forth and delineated upon that certain map designated as Exhibit No. 3 herein and which exhibit is hereby made a part of this Order by reference, subject, however, to the following term and condition:

1. The authority herein granted shall become effective only upon the filing with this Commission by James J. Roddy of a certified copy of a franchise, permit or consent from the County of San Mateo granting him permission to construct, operate and maintain a water system in and in the vicinity of the subdivided tract known as San Pedro Terrace by the Sea and upon the issuance of a supplemental order by the Railroad Commission granting applicant authority to exercise such franchise, permit or consent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that James J. Roddy be and he is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered and to become effective upon a date to be fixed by supplemental order of the Railroad Commission.

#### METER RATES

##### Monthly Minimum Charges:

5/8-inch meter-----	\$1.50
3/4-inch meter-----	1.75
1-inch meter-----	3.00
2-inch meter-----	5.00

Each of the foregoing "Monthly Minimum Charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the following "Monthly Quantity Rate."

##### Monthly Quantity Rate:

Per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.30
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#### FLAT RATES

##### Monthly Flat Rates:

Applicable to permanent consumers-----	\$2.00
Applicable to week-end or summer-home consumers-----	1.50

SUMMER-HOME RATES  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR

Meter Rate:

Annual charge payable in advance entitling the  
consumer to 500 cubic feet of water each  
month from May 1st to November 1st and 50  
cubic feet of water each month from November 1st  
to May 1st-----\$12.00

Water used in excess of the above monthly  
minimum quantities, per 100 cubic feet----- .30

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that James J. Roddy 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 relations with his consumers, said rules and regula-  
tions to become effective upon their acceptance for filing by the  
Railroad Commission.

For all other purposes the effective date of this Order  
shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1933.

C. C. Leary  
Leon O. White  
W. J. C.  
W. B. Harris  
W. J. C.  
Commissioners.