

Decision No. 26048

CONFIDENTIAL

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of SARAH SUSHANSKY, doing business
as RURAL WATER COMPANY, to authorize
and grant a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to op-
erate same and adjustment of rates.

Application No. 18680.

David Schwartz, by J.A. Weisman,
for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application, Sarah Sushansky, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Rural Water Company, asks the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system in Tract No. 262, Orange County, and that a schedule of rates be established for the service to be rendered.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Kennedy at Los Angeles.

The evidence shows that applicant, through foreclosure proceedings, has obtained possession and control of the water system supplying the residents of Tract No. 262, in Orange County, heretofore operated by the Southern Counties Laundry, Ltd., a corporation, which was granted a certificate to operate in Decision No. 24670, dated April 11, 1932; said decision also established a schedule of rates. It is apparent that it is unnecessary to grant a certificate as prayed. Applicant has come legally

into possession of public utility properties and, in so far as the approval of the Commission is necessary for their continued operation, such approval may be accorded without the issuance of a new certificate of public convenience and necessity. Although the Southern Counties Laundry, Ltd., has refused to join in the application, this proceeding may be taken as one for the approval of a transfer of the property and the right to continue its operation as a public utility. The Order will so provide. Applicant may continue to charge the rates now in effect and heretofore established by the Railroad Commission; In this connection the evidence reveals the fact that a large number of applicant's consumers reside on parcels of land considerably larger than ordinary city lots and would, if the rates permitted, use larger quantities of water for the growing of vegetables and fruits, both for home consumption and for sale. An additional and optional combination domestic and irrigation rate will be authorized therefore in the following Order which we feel will greatly benefit the consumers and also the utility through encouraging a greater use of water.

O R D E R

Sarah Sushansky, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Rural Water Company, having made application as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being now fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the acquisition by Sarah Sushansky of the public utility water system supplying consumers in Tract No. 262, County of Orange, be and it is hereby approved, subject, however, to the limitation that the consideration given for the

acquisition of the said water system properties shall not be urged before this Commission or any other public body as a finding of value for rate-fixing or any purpose other than the acquisition of the public utility properties involved in the instant proceeding.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Sarah Sushansky, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Rural Water Company, be and she is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission of the State of California, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates, optional and in addition to the present schedule of rates and to be effective upon demand on and after July 1, 1933:

OPTIONAL COMBINATION IRRIGATION AND DOMESTIC RATE

To be Used Through the Same Meter

This rate shall apply only to those consumers who have more than one-sixth (1/6th) acre and who use water for growing of vegetables and fruits or for other purposes to earn a livelihood.

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8-inch meter-----	\$1.50
3/4-inch meter-----	2.00
1-inch meter-----	3.00
1 1/2-inch meter-----	5.00
2-inch meter-----	8.00
3-inch meter-----	15.00
4-inch meter-----	20.00

Monthly Quantity Rates:

0 to 1,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.25
1,000 to 2,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.20
All over 2,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.08

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Sarah Sushansky be and

she is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission of the State of California, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, rules and regulations governing relations with her consumers, said rules and regulations 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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of June, 1933.

W. L. Weaver
Leon E. Sullivan
W. J. Carr
W. B. Haines
W. L. Weaver
Commissioners.