

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 28799

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Fred A. and Julia Rice, doing business
as Grovedale Water Co. (a fictitious
name) for order authorizing the sale
of water.

Application No. 19093.

Fred A. Rice, for applicants.
Mrs. H. Perkins, protestant.
W.R. Petty, for Edward F. Peer.
Fred W. Kendal, for consumers
on Grovedale Tract.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Fred A. and Julia Rice, doing business under the fictitious firm name of Grovedale Water Company, ask the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to supply water to residents in Tract No. 7465, Los Angeles County, and request that a schedule of rates be established for the service rendered.

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

According to the evidence, Tract No. 7465 was subdivided and placed on the market in 1924 by Edward F. Peer who also installed a water system therein, delivering water free of charge to the consumers until August 31, 1933, at which time he transferred the properties to Fred A. and Julia Rice.

The original cost of the water system was estimated to be Five Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$5,300), exclusive of

meters and some improvements which have been installed recently, the actual cost of which is estimated to be Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200), making a total historical cost of Sixty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500). The water supply is obtained from a deep well located in good water-bearing land. The pumping equipment is automatic, operating with a 2,000-gallon pressure tank and regulator. The tract is completely piped with mains ranging from one to four inches in diameter and sufficient in capacity to provide adequate service to the thirty-five consumers now on the tract.

The mains and pipe lines having been installed prior to the dedication of the streets to the public, no county franchise will be required at this time. There is no other water supply available to the residents of this tract and it appears, therefore, that a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be issued.

Applicants submitted a tentative schedule of rates providing for a flat charge per month and also an optional meter rate for domestic and irrigation uses. The rate schedule herein established is a slight modification of that proposed and should more equitably and uniformly meet the existing service conditions. The rates established are fair and reasonable for the service rendered by this system and are approximately the same as charged by numerous other public utilities operating in the general vicinity under similar conditions.

ORDER

Fred A. and Julia Rice, operating under the fictitious firm name of Grovedale 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,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require that Fred A. and Julia Rice, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Grovedale Water Company, operate a public utility water system in Tract No. 7465, Los Angeles County, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Fred A. and Julia Rice, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Grovedale Water Company, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered consumers within the above area of service on and after the 1st day of March, 1934.

DOMESTIC USE

Monthly Flat Rates:

For each residence, including one lot-----\$ 1.50
For each additional lot----- 1.00

Meter Rates:

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter-----\$ 1.25
For 3/4-inch meter----- 1.75
For 1-inch meter----- 2.50
For 1 1/2-inch meter----- 4.50
For 2-inch meter----- 6.00
For 3-inch meter----- 12.00
For 4-inch meter----- 20.00

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 Rates."

Monthly quantity Rates:

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| First | 600 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- | \$0.206 |
| Next | 400 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- | .15 |
| Next | 1,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- | .10 |
| All over | 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- | .08 |

IRRIGATION USE

Monthly Minimum Rates:

Same as domestic use.

Monthly Quantity Rates:

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| First | 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- | \$0.08 |
| All over | 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- | .06 |

The above irrigation rate is applicable to the consumers who use water for the irrigation of land for commercial purposes.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Fred A. and Julia Rice, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Grovedale Water Company, be and they are hereby directed to file, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, rules and regulations governing relations with their consumers, said rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance for filing by this 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 19th day of

February, 1934.

W. J. Conroy
Leon J. O'Connell
W. J. Conroy
W. B. Hanna
W. J. Conroy
Commissioners.