

Decision No. 27524

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  JOHN STIRRAT Route 3, Box 35 B, Anaheim, California, asking that his pumping plant be re- leased as a public utility property.	}	Application No. 19421
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John Stirrat, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

**ORIGINAL**

John Stirrat, the owner and operator of a small plant serving water for irrigation purposes near Anaheim, Orange County, asks for authority to discontinue public utility service.

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

Applicant in 1920 acquired an orange grove of thirteen acres and, having on the ranch a large well producing water in greater quantity than he could use upon his own property, entered into the business of selling the surplus thereof to his neighbors. For several years he supplied water to a large number of irrigators; at present, however, he has but two users left who avail themselves of his service, mainly as a standby.

The evidence shows that under his existing rate and with but two consumers remaining his revenues only equal the bare cost of his power and repair bills with nothing to take care of his other expenses. Neither of the consumers appeared

at the hearing and, as both can obtain water for irrigation purposes from several sources, the request will be granted.

O R D E R

John Stirrat having made application to this Commission for authority to discontinue public utility irrigation water service near Anaheim, Orange County, 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 John Stirrat be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue further public utility water service to his consumers sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order and thereafter stand relieved of all further public utility obligations and liabilities in connection therewith, subject, however, to the following condition:

1. Within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order, John Stirrat shall give written notice to each of his consumers to the effect that he intends to discontinue further public utility service under the terms of this Order sixty (60) days from and after the date hereof, and said John Stirrat shall file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from and after the date of this Order, an affidavit to the effect that he has duly given such notice as above directed.

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of

November, 1934.

Leon White  
M. P. Lee  
M. B. Hayes  
A. J. McLaughlin  
Frank R. Brown  
Commissioners.