

Decision No. 27609

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of
GEORGE McCHRISTIAN, for permission
or certificate to operate and con-
duct a water system.

Application No. 19639.

G.W. Libby, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application George McChristian, owner of a water system supplying consumers in a community near the Town of Bay in Sonoma County, asks the Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for the establishment of a rate schedule.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held at Bay before Examiner MacKall.

The record shows that the system was installed about eight years ago for the purpose of supplying the residents of the McChristian Subdivision and Ocean View Tract. At present there are eighteen water users; two consumers, including applicant, reside permanently in the tract but the others occupy their homes only for week-ends, holidays and for a few months during the summer. Water is obtained from a flowing spring located upon the McChristian home property and is pumped into a 5,000-gallon storage tank by an electrically operated centrifugal pump. The evidence shows that the spring has always produced an ample and abundant

supply of water although the existing storage facilities will have to be enlarged to properly accommodate any substantial increase in consumers.

Applicant has heretofore charged an annual flat rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per year which he does not wish to change but requests the establishment of a meter rate in order to prevent any future waste of water.

Mr. McChristian has applied to the County of Sonoma for a franchise or other permit to lay and maintain pipe lines in, on and along county roads, highways, streets and alleys in the above mentioned subdivided tracts. This permission has not as yet been granted. Applicant, however, has stipulated that upon obtaining such authorization neither he, his successors or assigns will ever claim for such franchise a value in excess of the actual cost of securing same.

As there is no other water system in or near this community and no objection having been made to this petition, it appears that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

Application having been made to the Railroad Commission 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 George McChristian operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water within the McChristian Subdivision and Ocean View Tract adjacent to Bay, Sonoma County, as said area is more particularly delineated

upon that certain map designated as Exhibit No. 1 in the application herein and hereby made a part of this Order by reference, subject, however, to the following condition:

1. The certificate herein granted shall become effective only upon the filing with this Commission by George McChristian of a certified copy of a franchise, permit or consent from the County of Sonoma granting him permission to construct and maintain pipe lines over, under and across public streets, roads, highways and alleys in and in the vicinity of the subdivided tracts known as McChristian Subdivision and Ocean View Tract.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that George McChristian be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commission, within twenty (20) days from and after the date of this Order, the following rates to be charged for water delivered to his consumers in the McChristian Subdivision and Ocean View Tract, County of Sonoma, said rates to become effective as provided in Paragraph No. 1 above.

METER RATES

Calendar-Year

Annual charge payable in advance entitling the consumer to 400 cubic feet of water per month during each calendar year-----\$12.00

For all water used in excess of the monthly minimum quantity of 400 cubic feet, the following rates shall apply:

Monthly Quantity Rates:

400 to 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----\$0.20
Over 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- .15

FLAT RATE

Calendar Year

Residential rate, annual charge payable in advance-----\$12.00

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that George McChristian file

with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, rules and regulations governing relations with his 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 22nd day of December, 1934.

Leon C. Whaley

M. J. Linn

M. B. Hanna

Arthur H. Moore

Stuart R. Wilson

Commissioners.