

Decision No. 28021

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of EAST BELL LAND COMPANY, a cor-
poration, for an order for a cer-
tificate of public convenience and
necessity to operate a public
utility service, to-wit, sell and
distribute water to owners, and
purchasers of, and residents upon
real property.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 19852.

Edw. F. Wehrle, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

East Bell Land Company, a corporation, owner of a water system supplying water to the residents of Tracts Nos. 3562 and 10,765, Los Angeles County, asks the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for the establishment of a rate schedule.

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

At the hearing, applicant was granted a request to amend the application to include the property owned by Mr. Kelsey consisting of seventeen acres lying south of Lubec Avenue between Ajax Avenue and the west property line of lots facing on Colmar Avenue, Los Angeles County, and further marked and delineated on map filed with the application as Exhibit "A."

The testimony shows that the East Bell Land Company, a corporation, is owned and controlled by Wm. Specht and family who have subdivided their ranch consisting of 154 acres and have installed a water works to supply the lots therein. They also have extended service to include thirty acres of Chanslor Tract No. 10,765 and the seventeen acres of the Kelsey Tract above referred to. The lots are exceptionally large, being laid out to permit gardening and farming upon a small scale. At the present time, applicant is supplying water to 110 consumers at a flat rate charge of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per month.

The water supply is obtained from a deep well and pumped into a storage tank from which it is delivered direct into the mains by a booster pump equipped with a pressure regulator. The well has a capacity of 130 miner's inches and is ample for the present needs of the consumers and considerable additional development. The mains are four inches and five and one-half inches in diameter, laid in the streets and alleys and on easements reserved for that purpose. As the streets and alleys have not as yet been dedicated to the public, no county franchise is necessary at this time.

Applicant reports the cost of the water system to date as fourteen thousand nine hundred and three dollars (\$14,903). There is no reliable data available reflecting actual cost of operation or water use. No other water utility operates in the immediate vicinity.

No one protested the granting of this application and, as the request appears reasonable and necessary, it will be approved and a rate established which will compare favorably with those charged by other utilities operating under like conditions

and circumstances in the general vicinity.

O R D E R

Application having been filed with this 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 East Bell Land Company, a corporation, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and other purposes to consumers residing within Tracts Nos. 3562 and 10,765 and a 17-acre, more or less, tract⁽¹⁾ now owned by one Mr. Kelsey, as such tracts and/or parcels of land are more specifically delineated upon the map attached to the application herein and which is hereby incorporated in this Order by reference.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that East Bell Land Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized and 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 water service rendered subsequent to the 30th day of June, 1935.

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

For each residence, including one lot-----	\$1.25
For each additional lot without house-----	1.00
For each additional house on one lot when occupied by separate family-----	.50

1. The 17-acre Kelsey parcel is designated upon the map attached to the application as "Future Development."

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

5/8 x 3/4-inch meter-----	\$1.25
3/4-inch meter-----	1.50
1-inch meter-----	2.00
1 1/2-inch meter-----	3.00
2-inch meter-----	5.00
3-inch meter-----	8.00

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:

From 0 to 1,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.15
All over 1,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.07

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that East Bell Land Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, rules and regulations governing relations with its 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 10th day of

June, 1935.

Leon C. Whiteley

W. H. Linn

W. B. Linn

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Frank R. Linn

Commissioners.