Decision No. 28214

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Emil Gingg, (an individual), for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system and for the establishment of rates for service rendered.

Application No. 19913



Herman C. Gingg, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## $\underline{OPINION}$

Emil Gingg asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system in Forest Glen, a subdivision located about one mile from Aptos in the County of Santa Cruz.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held at Forest Glen before Examiner MacKell.

The evidence shows that applicant installed this water plant in 1926 to supply purchasers of lots in the thirty-acre subdivision of a fifty-acre tract owned by him and placed upon the market for summer and permanent home sites. At present thirtyone consumers are served, only two of whom are all-year residents. Applicant claims an investment of \$9,646 in water supply facilities.

R. E. Savage, one of the Commission's engineers, appraised the water works at \$8,736 based upon estimated original cost, and with annual depreciation of \$183, computed by the sinking fund method at 5 per cent, the operating expenses appear to average

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\$665 per annum.

Applicant has been supplying water free to all residents of Forest Glen since 1926, and now asks for a flat rate schedule of \$14.00 per year, although with the existing number of water users this charge will not produce sufficient revenue to cover operating expense, including depreciation. All consumers present at the hearing were willing to pay a reasonable rate for water service, and as no other supply is available in this territory, the application will be granted.

The testimony shows that in one portion of the tract, pressure conditions are at times unsatisfactory. Applicant has agreed to install improvements which will remedy this condition.

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Application having been made to the Railroad Commission, as above entitled, 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 Emil Gingg operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water within Forest Glen Subdivision, County of Santa Cruz, as said area is more particularly delineated upon that certain map designated on Exhibit No. 1 herein, and which is hereby made a part of this Order by reference.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Emil Gingg be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file with the Railroad Commission within thirty (30) days from and after the date of this Order the following rates to be charged for water delivered to his consumers in Forest Glen Subdivision, County of Santa Cruz, said rates to

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become effective on and after the first day of October, 1935:

## Flat Rate Calendar Year

For all consumers, residential rate, annual charge due and payable on the first day of January of each year-----\$14.00

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Emil Gingg 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 <u>674</u> day of <u>Detelember</u>, 1935.

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Commissioners.