

Decision No. 28568



BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
C.L. BELTZ for a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity and  
for the establishment of rates for  
the sale of water.

Application No. 20189.

R.M. Wright, by Edgar P. Hooton,  
in behalf of certain consumers  
residing in "The Breakers" tract,  
protestants.

C.L. Beltz, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

C.L. Beltz who operates a water system in Santa Cruz County, serving territory lying easterly and near the city limits of Santa Cruz, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water works and for the establishment of rates for both domestic and irrigation uses.

A public hearing was held at Santa Cruz before Examiner MacKall.

Mr. Beltz at the present time is supplying approximately 200 consumers. He has four wells, two of which are now in operation, equipped with gasoline motors and capable of supplying all water necessary for the territory embraced in the application herein. Storage consists of a 10,000-gallon elevated tank and the mains vary from two inches to four inches in diameter with a

total installed length of 24,349 feet. Water supplied by the two operating wells upon analysis has been determined to be free from bacteria injurious to human health. Those consumers who testified in connection with this proceeding stated that the quality of water was satisfactory.

The testimony indicates that the estimated original cost of the used and useful property as of December 1, 1935, amounts to fifteen thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$15,368) with three thousand three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$3,325) in non-operative property capable of future use when required. The operating revenues for 1934 were estimated to be sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) and operating expenses, including four hundred fifty-four dollars (\$454) for annual depreciation, amounted to eighteen hundred fifty-five dollars (\$1,855) for the same period.

6. A petition in intervention was filed by certain residents of "The Breakers" tract now being served by Mr. Beltz, said residents being the complainants in Case No. 4043 now pending before this Commission. In brief, the above complainants in said case have stated their preference for the water heretofore supplied by the heirs of G.W. Hawes from the Waukesha Well located upon the tract and have requested the Commission to order resumption of service by said heirs from this well. In view of the disposition of this case in a separate proceeding, Mr. Beltz will be allowed to continue service to the residents of "The Breakers" tract and the territory in which he is authorized to serve will be modified to include this tract.

Under the circumstances, it appears to the best interest of the public to grant C.L. Beltz a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve water in the territory more specifically de-

scribed in the following Order, said authority to become effective when a final franchise covering such territory is obtained from the County of Santa Cruz, the present temporary permit being insufficient for the purposes of this proceeding.

### O R D E R

C.L. Beltz having made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for approval of a schedule of rates, 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 C. L. Beltz operate and maintain a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and irrigation purposes within that certain area more particularly delineated upon the map filed in this proceeding as Exhibit No. 1, which is hereby made a part of this Order by reference, and also in the adjoining tract of land called "The Breakers," subject to the following term and condition:

The authority herein granted shall become effective only upon the filing with this Commission by C.L. Beltz of a certified copy of a franchise, permit or consent from the County of Santa Cruz granting him permission to construct, operate and maintain a water system in the area of service.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that C.L. Beltz be and he is hereby directed to file with the Railroad Commission of the State of

California, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for water delivered to his consumers in Santa Cruz County, said rates to become effective on and after the 1st day of March, 1936:

DOMESTIC AND IRRIGATION RATES  
PERMANENT CONSUMERS

Applicable only to bona fide permanent residents.

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

5/8 x 3/4-inch meter-----	\$1.50
3/4-inch meter-----	2.75
1-inch meter-----	3.00
1 1/2-inch meter-----	3.50
2-inch meter-----	4.00
4-inch meter-----	6.00

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:

First 600 cubic feet, or less-----	\$1.50
Next 1,400 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.20
Next 8,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.12
Over 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.10

FLAT RATES

Monthly flat rate, payable in advance, for each consumer----\$1.50

SUMMER RESORT RATES  
CALENDAR YEAR

FLAT RATES

Annual flat rate-----\$18.00

This rate is payable at the option of the consumer in two semi-annual installments of nine dollars (\$9.00) each.

METER RATES

Minimum annual charge entitling the consumer to 600 cubic feet of water each month from June 1st to October 1st and 200 cubic feet of water from October 1st to June 1st-----\$16.00

When water is used in excess of the monthly minimum quantities under the foregoing annual charge, the following rate schedule shall apply:

For the period from June 1st to October 1st:

0 to 600 cubic feet included in the annual charge.  
Next 1,400 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----\$0.20  
Next 8,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- .12  
Over 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- .10

For the period from October 1st to June 1st:

0 to 200 cubic feet included in the annual charge.  
Next 400 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----\$0.25  
Next 1,400 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- .20  
Next 8,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- .12  
Over 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet----- .10

The foregoing summer resort minimum annual charge is payable in advance on January 1st of each year or, at the option of the consumer, in two semi-annual payments of eight dollars (\$8.00) each.

Charges for water service used in excess of the minimum amounts may be billed monthly, semi-annually or annually at the option of the utility.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that C.L. Beltz file with the Railroad Commission of the State of California, 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 the Railroad

Commission.

For all other purposes this Order shall become effective twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1936.

M B Harris  
Leon Whitely  
M J. Kim  
William H. ...  
Frank R. ...  
Commissioners.