

Decision No. 29294

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
The Linkford Water Company for certi-
ficate as a public utility to furnish
water to limited area.

Application No. 20673

Fred W. Links, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

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In this proceeding Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Mugford apply for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water works to supply water to residents of certain parcels of land located near the shore of Lake Tahoe and easterly of and immediately adjacent to Carnelian Bay Post Office in Placer County.

According to the evidence Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Mugford own a divided interest in a parcel of land containing fourteen acres, more or less, of which the southerly portion abutting upon the state highway has been subdivided into a tier of twelve lots. The remainder of the property is not subdivided at present but it is the intent of its owners to divide this area into suitable parcels for home and cabin sites in the immediate future. In addition to the above properties, said Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Mugford have retained and now own two strips of land running from the said fourteen-acre tract across the state highway to the shore-line of the lake giving access to the lake

front beach and providing a convenient right of way for pipe line and other purposes. These two strips of land, the westerly one being about thirty-three feet in width and the easterly one eight feet, are owned jointly by the above parties and are now and hereafter will be used, among other things, for pipe line and pumping plant easements as required.

Applicants have formed a co-partnership and intend to operate the water system under the fictitious firm name of The Linkford Water Company. Two-inch mains have been installed to serve the subdivided lots and portions of the area still remaining in acreage. A two-thousand gallon storage tank has been erected and a small automatic pump with a capacity of 950 gallons per hour has been installed on the lake-shore, taking its water from the lake. Pipe line easements have been reserved through all lots and a right of way secured for pipe line purposes to cross the state highway. For these reasons no county franchise for water works operation is required at this time.

Applicants claim the right, approved by the Division of Water Resources, State of California, to appropriate 5,000 gallons of water per day by pumping from Lake Tahoe for use upon their subdivided and acreage properties. This right is subject, however, to certain regulation by the United States Government in the storage and withdrawal of waters in Lake Tahoe. Nevertheless, the amount of water available to applicants is adequate for subdivision needs.

Applicants request a rate of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per month flat for service to be rendered during the months of June to September, inclusive, of each year. This period amply covers the regular vacation period for this area and, as service during the winter months is not in demand and could not

be supplied except at enormous expense, this customary seasonal use will be approved.

There were no protests presented and, as the proposed rate is most reasonable for such water service in this area and as there is no other source of water supply available to residents of this tract, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed with this Commission, a public hearing thereon having been held at Tahoe City before Examiner MacKall, 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 and will require that Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Mugford construct and operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic purposes in those parcels of land comprising some fourteen acres, more or less, lying adjacent to and easterly of Carnelian Bay Post Office as said parcels are more particularly described in the application herein and delineated upon the map attached thereto which are hereby made a part of this Order by reference, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to said Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Mugford to operate a water system under the fictitious firm name and style of The Linkford Water Company in those parcels of land as set forth above, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Fred W. Links and

Thomas H. Mugford be and they are hereby authorized and directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates to be effective for all water service rendered subsequent to the 1st day of

January, 1937.

FLAT RATE
DOMESTIC SERVICE

Per consumer, per month-----\$2.50

Water will be supplied only during
the following months of each year:
June, July, August and September.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that said Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Mugford be and they are hereby directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, rules and regulations governing relations with their 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 23rd day of November, 1936.

M. B. Lamm

Leon A. Lamm

M. J. Lamm

Frank R. Lamm
Commissioners.