

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 34103

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )	
CHARLES C. TRENARY, operating under )	
the name and style of AMARGO WATER )	
WORKS, for a certificate of public )	Application No. 21794
convenience and necessity to sell )	
water as a public utility at Amargo, )	
Kern County. )	

W. R. Williams, for Applicant.  
 John M. McNeil, for A. C. Meyer, Protestant.  
 L. W. Barnes, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

Charles C. Trenary, in the application as above entitled, asked the Railroad Commission to grant him a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system under the fictitious firm name and style of Amargo Water Works, supplying the residents of Tract No. 1028 in Kern County. The Commission is also requested to establish a schedule of rates for the service to be rendered.

A public hearing in the above entitled matter was held at Amargo before Examiner Brown.

The evidence shows that in 1935 and 1936 Mr. Trenary subdivided Tract No. 1028, Kern County, and installed a water system to aid in the sale of lots in the project. At the outset the Amargo Mutual Water Company was incorporated, acquired the water facilities and supplied water as a mutual company to all users within the service area. However, after operation for a little more than a year the consumers became dissatisfied and returned

their respective interests in the mutual company to Trenary for future operation of the plant as a public utility under jurisdiction and control of the Railroad Commission. It is to complete the above arrangements that this application has been filed.

Water is obtained from a deep well and pumped under pressure to consumers through a distribution system consisting of pipe lines two inches in diameter. A new well has been dug and a 16,000 gallon storage tank installed to be connected to a booster pump for stand-by and emergency users. The estimated historical cost of the system to date is reported to be \$6,160.00. There are at present 31 active water users.

The pipe lines were installed upon the request by and approval of the Planning Commission of the Board of Supervisors of Kern County, and no franchise was required. However, applicant expressed his willingness to secure such a franchise if and when needed. A letter from the Kern County Health Department indicates that the water is not contaminated and is safe for human consumption.

No other public utility supplies water in or near the territory involved in this application, and the evidence shows conclusively that there is immediate need for water service under proper regulation, to supply all patrons properly and without unfair discrimination.

The rates proposed by applicant are unjustifiably higher than those normally charged for service under similar conditions even in a desert area such as this and necessarily must be modified to fair and reasonable charges under the circumstances and conditions of actual operation.

ORDER

Application having been filed with the Railroad Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly 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 the operation of a water system by Charles C. Trenary under the fictitious firm name and style of Amargo Water Works in that certain tract of land described as Tract No. 1028, Kern County, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it is, hereby granted to Charles C. Trenary, operating under the fictitious name and style of Amargo Water Works, to sell and distribute water as a public utility in the territory hereinabove described.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that said Charles C. Trenary be, and he is, hereby authorized and directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from and after the date of this order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water service rendered subsequent to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1938:

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

5/8 X 3/4 Inch Meter, .....	\$2.55
3/4 " " .....	3.00
1 " " .....	4.00
1 1/2 " " .....	6.00
2 " " .....	8.00

Each of the foregoing "Monthly Minimum Charges" will entitle the consumers to the quantity of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the following "Monthly Quantity Rates":

Monthly Quantity Rates:

From	0	to	300	cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet, .....	\$0.85
From	300	to	1000	" " " " " " " " .....	.50
From	1000	to	5000	" " " " " " " " .....	.25
All over	5000			" " " " " " " " .....	.20

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Charles C. Trenary be, and he is, hereby directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from and after 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of

July, 1938.

Walter H. ...  
Leon ...  
James R. ...  
Ray H. ...  
Commissioners