

Decision No. 38436

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 ARTHUR and MARIAN SORSOLI, husband and
 wife, for a certificate of public
 convenience and necessity, to operate a
 public utility water system, known as
 the SORSOLI WATER COMPANY, in and in
 the vicinity of the unincorporated
 Townsite of Crescent Mills, Plumas
 County, California, described as
 N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 24, T. 26 N.,
 R. 9 E., M.D.B. & M.

Application No. 26873

Arthur Sorsoli, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Arthur and Marian Sorsoli, husband and wife, ask the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system under the fictitious firm name and style of Sorsoli Water Company in and in the vicinity of the unincorporated town of Crescent Mills, Plumas County, California.

A public hearing in this matter was held in Crescent Mills before Examiner MacKall.

Crescent Mills is now the center of a considerable new development in the lumbering and sawmill industry. It is also a rapidly growing trading center for the large cattle, dairying and mining activities in Indian Valley and adjacent territory. The residents of Crescent Mills at present depend solely upon private wells as a source of water supply. The growth of the community, together with the increasing hazard to health resulting from the lack of safe methods of sewage disposal, has created an urgent demand for a safe and dependable water service.

Arthur Sorsoli and Marian Sorsoli are the owners of considerable ranch, business and residential property in and adjacent to Crescent Mills and now desire to install a water system to serve the entire community, including their own lands and commercial enterprises, providing also for fire protection facilities as well as general use.

The main water supply is obtained from an abandoned mining tunnel producing a constant flow of 12 miner's inches⁽¹⁾ in which water right applicants own a one-half interest. A supplemental water supply is obtainable from several small springs located on lands belonging to applicants, which springs yield a minimum low flow of 3 miner's inches. Delivery is to be accomplished by gravity into two unlined but clay-puddled reservoirs of 140,000-gallon capacity each, located at an elevation of 110 feet above the main business and residential area of the town. The proposed distribution mains will aggregate 7,000 feet of welded steel and standard screw pipe, varying in diameter from 2 to 8 inches. The cost of installing the completed development, including fire hydrants, is estimated to be \$9,000, exclusive of lands, rights-of-way, and certain intangible rights and interests. The territory in which applicant desires to serve water comprises some 40 acres, more or less. The report presented by Clyde F. Norris, one of the Commission's hydraulic engineers, indicates that the initial probable annual revenues under the proposed schedule of rates will be \$1,500, the corresponding operating expenses, including depreciation, will be approximately \$1,050, leaving a net revenue of about 5% by way of return on the investment.

Applicants have obtained a franchise, being Ordinance No. 260, from the Board of Supervisors of Plumas County, duly passed and approved on the 12th day of July, 1945, granting to Arthur Sorsoli the right to construct, maintain and operate a water works within the Townsite of Crescent Mills and additions thereto.

Applicants also have obtained an encroachment permit from the Division of Highways, State of California, for the installation of pipe lines along, under and across the state highway passing through Crescent Mills.

(1) This miner's inch is the equivalent of one-fiftieth (1/50th) of a cubic foot of water per second.

Applicants have proposed the establishment of the same schedule of rates in Crescent Mills as has heretofore been fixed for the public utility water works serving in the nearby Town of Greenville.

All persons present at the hearing were in favor of and urged the granting of this certificate and also were agreeable to the suggested rates. There being no protests and no other public utility serving in or adjacent to Crescent Mills, it is clear that the certificate should be granted.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted herein is subject to the following provisions of law:

"That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the state as the consideration for the issuance of such certificate of public convenience and necessity or right."

O R D E R

Application as entitled above having been filed with the Railroad Commission, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission now being fully advised in the premises,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity requires, and will require, the construction and operation of a public utility water system by Arthur Sorsoli and Marian Sorsoli, his wife, in and in the vicinity of the unincorporated Town of Crescent Mills, Plumas County, State of California, comprising some 40 acres and as more particularly delineated on a map of Crescent Mills filed as Exhibit No. 1A in this proceeding and which is hereby made a part of this Order by reference.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Arthur Sorsoli and Marian Sorsoli, his wife,

to construct and operate a public utility for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinabove described.

2. That Arthur Sorsoli and Marian Sorsoli, his wife, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to file in quadruplicate, in conformity with this Commission's General Order No. 96, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water service rendered to their consumers on and after January 1, 1946, which schedule of rates is hereby found to be just and reasonable for the service to be rendered:

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

Applicability:

Applicable to all domestic, commercial and industrial metered water service.

Territory:

In and in the vicinity of the Town of Crescent Mills, Plumas County.

Rates:

Minimum Monthly Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4 inch meters	\$1.50
For 3/4 inch meters	2.00
For 1 inch meters	3.00
For 1 1/2 inch meters	6.00
For 2 inch meters	7.50
For 3 inch meters	12.00

The Minimum Monthly Charges will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that minimum monthly charge will purchase at the following Monthly Quantity Rates:

Monthly quantity Rates:

First 700 cubic feet, or less	\$1.50
Next 800 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet20
Next 1,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet15
Next 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet10
Over 5,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet05

A meter may be installed on any service at the option of either the consumer or the utility.

Schedule No. 2

GENERAL FLAT RATES

Applicability:

Applicable to all unmeasured service of water.

Territory:

In and in the vicinity of the Town of Crescent Mills, Plumas County.

Rates:

Per Month

1. For each residence, flat, apartment, boarding or lodging house, of 5 rooms or less, including reasonable and necessary quantities of water for an irrigated area of not over 500 square feet of lawns, gardens, shrubbery and trees \$1.50
 - For each additional room10
 - For each bathtub or shower25
 - For each flush toilet25
 - For each additional dwelling unit on same premises and taking water through same connection, according to use and facilities \$0.50 to \$1.75

2. Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns, gardens, shrubbery, etc., for all watered area in excess of 500 square feet for each residential establishment, payable during the five months of May to September, inclusive, and any other months of the year when water is actually used for sprinkling or water purposes:
 - First 500 square feet No charge
 - Next 5,000 square feet, per 100 square feet . . . \$0.05
 - Over 5,500 square feet, per 100 square feet025

3. Private barns, livery stables, or feed yards:
 - Per head of stock in excess of one25

4. Hotels:
 - General use, lobby, etc 2.50
 - Each room with running water10
 - Each bathtub or shower15
 - Each flush toilet15
 - Each unit of seating capacity in dining room, coffee shop, etc.10

5. For each restaurant, lunch counter, cafe,
 - per unit of seating capacity10
 - Minimum charge 2.00

Schedule No. 2 - Continued

GENERAL FLAT RATES

Rates - Continued:

Per Month:

- 6. Barber shops and beauty parlors:
 - For single chair or operator \$1.00
 - For each additional chair in use25
 - For each bathtub or shower for public use50
 - For each flush toilet25

- 7. Doctors and Dentists Offices:
 - For not more than two rooms with water service \$1.50
 - For each additional room50

- 8. Garages and service stations:
 - For each automobile wash rack \$2.00 to \$5.00
 - For each flush toilet50

- 9. For each public hall, lodge room or church 1.25

- 10. For each drug store, soft drink parlor, saloon, according to expected use of water, minimum charge 2.50

- 11. For each retail store, shop, bank, etc., according to expected use of water, minimum charge 1.50

- 12. For each laundry, creamery or slaughter house, according to use \$3.00 to \$10.00

- 13. For each window box type air cooling unit, in addition to regular flat rates, during months of use which will be considered as the months of June, July, August and September, except where the consumer notifies the company as to the months during the above period on which the unit will not be in service, provided the unit is disconnected during such months subject to inspection by company representatives:
 - For water wasting type40
 - For re-circulating type20

- 14. Auto courts and camps, or other uses not listed and combination uses not otherwise classifiable, to be charged for water at metered rates.

3. That Arthur Sorsoli and Marian Sorsoli, his wife, within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, shall submit to this Commission for its approval four sets of rules and regulations governing relations with its consumers, each set of which shall contain a suitable map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale upon a sheet 8½ x 11 inches in size, delineating thereupon in distinctive markings the boundaries of its present service area, and the location thereof with reference to the immediate surrounding territory; provided, however, that such map or sketch shall not thereby be considered by this Commission or any other public body as a final or conclusive determination or establishment of the dedicated area of service, or any portion thereof.

4. That Arthur Sorsoli and Marian Sorsoli, his wife, within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, shall file with this Commission four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 600 feet to the inch, upon which shall be delineated by appropriate markings the territory presently served. This map should be reasonably accurate, show the source and date thereof, and include sufficient data to determine clearly and definitely the location of the property comprising the entire utility area of service, provided, however, that such map shall not thereby be considered by this Commission or any other public body as a final or conclusive determination or establishment of the dedicated area of service, or any portion thereof.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that 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 27th day of November, 1945.

Harold Anderson
Justus F. Cracauer
Francis Dewar
Isaac S. Russell
Harold K. Huls
 Commissioners.