

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 39771

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ARCHER C. AMBLER and BESSIE G. AMBLER, his wife, for an order authorizing said applicants to become a public utility and to distribute and serve water to certain property in Monterey County, California.

Application No. 27890

Sidney L. Church, for Applicant.

O P I N I O N

Archer C. Ambler and Bessie G. Ambler, his wife, have applied to the Public Utilities Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system in a subdivided tract of 125 acres called Ambler Park Nos. 1, 2 and 3, located in unincorporated territory near the junction of the Monterey-Salinas Highway and San Benancia Canyon Road, about nine miles southwest of the City of Salinas, Monterey County. The establishment of a schedule of rates also is requested.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner MacKall at Salinas.

The three units of the subdivision are plotted as follows: Tract No. 1 contains 16 lots, Tract No. 2 has 23 lots, and Tract No. 3 has 17 lots. Applicants contemplate further development of the property to include approximately 38 acres not as yet subdivided.

A water system of ample capacity to serve the area has now been installed and is in operation. The source of water supply is a drilled well, 230 feet deep, cased with 10-inch 12-gauge steel and equipped with an electrically-driven deep well turbine pump of 150-gallon per minute capacity. Water from this well has been

tested by the Monterey County Health Officer who found it to be of excellent quality and free from contamination. The distribution system consists of approximately 600 feet of 8-inch and 7,800 feet of 6-inch new dipped invasion steel pipe. A 1-inch metered service connection is installed to each of the 56 lots in the tracts; four wharf-type fire hydrants with 4-inch risers also have been installed.

Storage facilities consist of two 10,000-gallon steel storage tanks situated on the hillside at sufficient elevation to provide satisfactory pressure throughout the entire service area. Applicants intend to install in the near future an additional well and pump for emergency use.

The evidence shows that applicants have a capital investment in the water works, including necessary lands and easements, of \$28,452 as of December 5, 1946. In addition to this sum, \$1,970 has been expended on the drilling of a well which proved inadequate in capacity. For automatic pump-control and for completing the metering of the services an additional expenditure of approximately \$2,000 will be required.

Pipe lines and mains have been installed in public streets and roadways, and in private easements and rights of way. All encroachment rights have been reserved to the water system. No county franchise for water works installation and operation is required of these applicants by the County of Monterey under present conditions. Permission to cross and occupy county roads already has been obtained.

Applicants asked for authority to amend the application as filed by requesting the Commission to fix fair and reasonable rates to be charged for water service rendered. The schedule of rates established in the following order is just and proper under existing circumstances of development and operation.

No other public utility water system serves in or near this subdivided area and no one appeared at the hearing to protest the granting of the certificate or the establishment of the rates.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted herein is subject to the following provision 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 Public Utilities 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 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require, and will require, Archer C. Ambler and Bessie G. Ambler, his wife, to construct, maintain and operate a public utility water system in that certain subdivided area known as Ambler Park No. 1, Ambler Park No. 2 and Ambler Park No. 3, and in that certain adjoining and adjacent territory comprising 163.21 acres in the County of Monterey, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" and delineated on the map marked Exhibit "C" attached to the application herein, and delineated upon the map filed as Exhibit No. 1 in this proceeding, which exhibits are hereby made a part of this Order by reference, and finds as a fact that the schedule of rates established herein is just and reasonable for the service to be rendered.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Archer C. Ambler and Bessie G. Ambler, his wife, to operate a public utility water system for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinbefore described.
2. That Archer C. Ambler and Bessie G. Ambler, his wife, are hereby authorized and directed to file in quadruplicate with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, in conformity with the Commission's General Order No. 96, a schedule of rates identified as Schedule No. 1 - Metered Rates to be charged for all water service rendered to their customers on and after the first day of January, 1947.

Schedule No. 1

METERED RATES

Applicability:

For all domestic, commercial and industrial metered water service.

Territory:

In the subdivision known as Ambler Park Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and adjoining territory comprising 163.21 acres, located at and near the junction of the Monterey-Salinas Highway and San Benancia Canyon Road in Monterey County.

Rates:

Per Meter
Per Month

Minimum Monthly Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meters	\$2.00
For 3/4-inch meters	2.50
For 1-inch meters	3.00
For 1 1/2-inch meters	5.00
For 2-inch meters	8.00

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 600 cubic feet or less per month	\$2.00
Next 1,400 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	.30
Next 2,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	.25
Over 4,500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	.20

3. That Archer C. Ambler and Bessie G. Ambler, 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 their consumers, each set of which shall contain a suitable map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale upon a sheet 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size, delineating thereupon in distinctive markings the boundaries of their present service area, 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 Archer C. Ambler and Bessie G. Ambler, 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 23rd day of December, 1946.

Harold P. Kule
Justice J. Green
James W. Stone
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R. B. [unclear]
 Commissioners.