

# ORIGINAL

Decision No. 40942

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 PARK WATER COMPANY, a corporation,  
 for a Certificate of Public Convenience  
 and Necessity to Furnish Water Service  
 to certain Tracts within the County of  
 Los Angeles.

Application No. 28102

Paul Overton, for Park Water Company.

## O P I N I O N

Park Water Company, a corporation, supplying water for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes in 91 tracts in unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County, asks the Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system in Tracts No. 13749 and No. 13859, located within the City of Montebello, and in Tract No. 14028, located within the City of South Gate, all in Los Angeles County. The Commission is asked to authorize the charging of the same rates as heretofore established and now in effect on the company's other systems. The flat rates provide for a monthly charge of \$1.50 for a single family unit. The meter rates provide for a monthly minimum charge of \$1.50 with an allowance of 1,000 cubic feet. Excess use is reduced through four blocks to 7½ cents per 100 cubic feet for quantities over 300,000 cubic feet.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held before Examiner Stava in Los Angeles.

Tracts No. 13749 and No. 13859 are adjoining and have a combined area of approximately 50 acres, subdivided into a total of 260 lots. At present each lot has either a completed home on it or one in the course of construction.

Water for these two tracts is obtained from a 16-inch well, 476 feet deep, located on Lot 99 in Tract No. 13749, and is delivered by an electrically-driven pump into a 10,250-gallon pressure tank and distributed through 12,059 feet of mains varying from six to two inches in diameter. The company proposes to acquire another lot for the purpose of drilling and equipping an additional well for a stand-by unit and to serve adjoining territory which may require water service in the near future. The original cost of the system to date is \$27,513.

All of the mains are installed in easements reserved prior to recording the tracts and the dedication of the streets and alleys to public use. The City Council of Montebello has advised applicant that it has no objection to the Commission granting the requested certificate. The evidence shows that although there are several mutual water systems operating in the general vicinity, none of them would agree to extend service to these two tracts. No other public utility waterworks operates in or near applicant's proposed service area.

Tract No. 14028 is located in the eastern portion of the City of South Gate, near the east bank of the Rio Hondo. It has an area of approximately 24 acres and has been subdivided into 21 business and 128 residential lots. The subdividers plan to erect a house or building on each lot before selling. Water is obtained from a 12-inch well, 210 feet deep, equipped with an electrically-driven pump located in Lot No. 151. This pumping plant formerly was used for agricultural irrigation purposes and discharges directly into the mains. Applicant plans to replace this plant with a new pump and an automatically-controlled 12,000-gallon pressure tank. There are 5,479 feet of mains already installed, varying from six to two inches in diameter. Applicant has reserved Lot 3 in this subdivision for an additional well and pumping plant. The original cost of this system is \$11,461. The same and customary method of reserving rights of way and easements for mains and other utility facilities has been pursued also in this tract.

The evidence shows that the City Council of South Gate has notified applicant that it has no objection to its operations in this territory and, furthermore, has requested the Commission to authorize the certificate. Although the City of South Gate owns and operates its own waterworks, it has no facilities, nor does it desire to supply water on the east side of the Rio Hondo. In this connection it should be stated that the distribution system has been installed to conform with the city's standards of construction. The mains are of cast iron pipe, all service connections are of copper and the water mains have been laid between the curb and sidewalk lines.

No other water utility system serves in this territory and no protests were made. The authority requested, therefore, will be granted.

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 of the State of California, 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, the operation of a public utility water system by Park Water Company, a corporation, in Tracts No. 13749 and No. 13859, located within the city limits of Montebello, and Tract No. 14028, located within the city limits of South Gate, Los Angeles County, said tracts being more particularly delineated upon the maps marked as

Exhibits "B" and "C" attached to the application which maps hereby are 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 Park Water Company, a corporation, to construct, operate and maintain a public utility water system for the distribution and sale of water within the territories hereinabove described.
2. That Park Water Company, a corporation, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, shall file in quadruplicate, in conformity with this Commission's General Order No. 96, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered to its customers in the above described tracts, to be effective on and after the date of this Order, which schedule of rates is hereby found to be just and reasonable for the service rendered:

Schedule No. 1

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

Applicability:

Applicable to all domestic, commercial and industrial use of water.

Territory:

Within all of the various tracts served in Los Angeles County, as delineated on the maps included in the Tariff Schedules.

Rates:

Per Month

For 3/4-inch service, per single family unit . . . . .	\$1.50
or single lot not in excess of 7,500 square feet and .02 per month for each 100 square feet additional.	

If consumer elects to pay for 11 months service in advance, the 12th month shall be without charge.

Special Conditions:

Flat rates shall be payable in advance.

Billing may, at the option of the company, be for a two-month period instead of one month.

Schedule No. 2

METERED RATES

Applicability:

Applicable to all domestic and industrial meter water service.

Territory:

Within all of the various tracts served in Los Angeles County, as delineated on the maps included in the Tariff Schedules.

Rates:

Per Meter  
Per Month

Monthly Quantity Charges:

First	2,000 cubic feet; per 100 cubic feet	\$.15
Next	8,000 cubic feet; per 100 cubic feet	.12
Next	90,000 cubic feet; per 100 cubic feet	.10
Next	200,000 cubic feet; per 100 cubic feet	.08
Over	300,000 cubic feet; per 100 cubic feet	.07

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For	3/4 and 1-inch meters	\$1.50
For	1 1/2 and 1 3/4-inch meters	2.00
For	2-inch meters	3.00
For	3-inch meters	5.00

The Monthly Minimum Charges will entitle the customer to the quantity of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the Monthly Quantity Charges.

3. That Park Water Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to make effective within the territories hereinbefore described the rules and regulations at present in effect within all of the various tracts served in Los Angeles County.
4. That Park Water Company, a corporation, within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Order, shall file four sets of maps drawn to an indicated scale; about 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size, indicating the service area and location thereof with reference to the 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.
5. That Park Water Company, a corporation, within sixty (60) days from the effective 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.

The effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1947.

Harold H. Hill

Justice F. Callahan

James T. Lavelle

G. P. Dunning

Smith Patton  
Commissioners.