

Decision No. 40170

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
WASHINGTON WATER AND LIGHT COMPANY
for a certificate of public convenience
and necessity to furnish and supply
water in certain unincorporated terri-
tory in the County of Yolo, State of
California.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 28183

Carl E. Rodgerdts, for Applicant,
Walter C. Frame, for West Sacramento
Improvement Club, Incorporated.
Clyde Henry, for West Sacramento Water Company.

MITTELSTAEDT, COMMISSIONER:

OPINION

Washington Water and Light Company, a corporation, engaged in the business of distribution and selling water for domestic and industrial purposes in and in the vicinity of unincorporated town of Broderick, Yolo County, asks the Commission to grant it a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve an adjoining territory which includes the unincorporated town of Bryte.

A public hearing in the matter was held at Sacramento.

The company has served the town of Broderick and adjacent territory for approximately fifty years. The Commission in its Decision No. 39428, dated September 24, 1946, granted the company a certificate to serve the town and the area covered by a franchise granted by the Supervisors of Yolo County which renewed a 50-year franchise theretofore granted the company. The company now asks to be granted a certificate to cover adjacent territory that includes the town of Bryte.

Water for the existing system is obtained from three drilled wells by electrically-driven pumps, having a capacity of 2,500 gallons a minute. The water is discharged directly into the mains and the excess is stored in a 75,000-gallon elevated tank. Water is distributed through 37,498 feet of mains that vary from 1 to 8 inches in diameter. There are 399 customers now being served in the Broderick section, of which 325 are supplied at flat rates and the balance at metered rates. The fixed capital as of December 31, 1946, is reported as \$68,966 and the revenues for the year were \$15,176.

The rates at present in effect were established by the Commission in its Decision No. 8461, dated December 12, 1920. The flat rates provide for a basic charge of \$1.50 per month for a residence, and an additional charge for irrigation use. The measured rates provide for a monthly service charge of 50¢. The quantity rates provide for a charge of 20 cents per 100 for the first 500 cubic feet, and a reduction through three blocks to 4¢ per 100 cubic feet for all use over 150,000 cubic feet.

The record shows that the company had extended its mains to serve a small subdivision adjoining its service area boundaries when requested by the citizens of the town of Bryte to serve the town. The company was informed and representatives of the town so testified, that all of the residents had their own individual sources of water supply, consisting of shallow wells and pressure systems. However, tests and inspection of the water showed contamination and potential contamination from surface sources and the residents desired a potable water of a good quality. Thereafter, applicant constructed a further extension of its mains into the town of Bryte and at present is serving 450 customers, representing 95% of the residents. All of these customers except one are receiving water service at flat rates. The entire extension totals 43,300 feet of mains varying from 2 to 8-inches in diameter. There are 18 wharf-type fire hydrants connected to the extension. The cost of the installation is \$79,531.

Water is supplied in the town of Bryte at about 40 pounds pressure but applicant expects to install a new well and tank in this section, in order to assure adequate service. Water will be supplied in accordance with the presently filed rates and rules and regulations.

Applicant was granted a franchise to construct the extension and operate a water system in the Bryte territory on March 3, 1946 by Ordinance No. 204 of the Board of Supervisors of Yolo County.

No other public utility water system serves this area and no one appeared to protest the granting of the certificate. Under the circumstances, the authority sought 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 above entitled having been filed with the Public Utilities Commission, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted, and the Commission having been 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 Washington Water and Light Company, a corporation, to construct, maintain and operate a public utility system in and in the vicinity of the unincorporated town of Bryte, Yolo County, said area being more particularly described in the application and delineated upon the map filed as Exhibit No. 1 in this proceeding, said application and map being made a part of this Order by reference.

IT IS HERESY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Washington Water and Light Company, a corporation, to construct and operate a public utility water system for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinabove described at the rates and subject to the rules and regulations as at present on file with this Commission.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

The authority granted herein is effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of

April 1947.

Harold P. Hule
Justin J. Gaeuen
James Powell
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