

Decision No. 40341**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
LINKFORD WATER COMPANY
for an order authorizing an increase
in water rates.

Application No. 28143.

O P I N I O N

Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Mugford, engaged in the business of supplying domestic water service, under the fictitious firm name of Linkford Water Company, to residents of certain parcels of land located near the shore of Lake Tahoe, easterly of and immediately adjacent to Carnelian Bay Post Office, in Placer County, ask the Commission for authority to increase rates from \$2.50 per month during the months of June, July, August and September to \$16.00 per annum.

The service area of this utility covers approximately 14 acres of land which has been subdivided into 28 lots. A certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system was granted to Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Mugford, in Decision No. 29294, dated February 24, 1925. A copartnership was formed and has been doing business as Linkford Water Company with Fred W. Links as manager. The water supply is obtained from Lake Tahoe under a water right, approved by the Division of Water Resources of the State of California, to appropriate 5,000 gallons of water per day, subject to certain regulation by the United States Government, in the storage and withdrawal of waters in Lake Tahoe. A duplex pump operated by a one horse power electric motor lifts the water approximately 120 feet to a 2,000-gallon redwood storage tank from which the water is distributed through 2,000 feet of 2-inch pipe lines to six customers.

The present flat rate of \$2.50 per month for summer season during which service is provided has averaged a yearly revenue of \$44.50 for the period 1942 to

1946, inclusive. The average expense shown by the Company for this period amounted to \$35.86. However, no depreciation allowance or expenses incurred in turning on the water each year and shutting off water and draining the system at the season's close have been included in the Company's expense figures. The fixed capital as of May 20, 1947, was reported as \$1,172.20. The depreciation annuity computed by the 5% sinking fund method amounts to \$19.29.

Investigation by the Commission's engineers shows that the consumers have all agreed to this annual rate which is in fact substantially less than the rates charged by other similar small public utility water systems along Lake Tahoe. In view of these circumstances it appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the request of applicants should be granted.

ORDER

Application as entitled above having been filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, and the Commission having considered the matter, and being advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Fred W. Links and Thomas H. Magford, a copartnership operating under the fictitious firm name of Linkford Water Company be and they are hereby authorized and directed to file with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all water service rendered during and after the season of 1947,

RATE SCHEDULE

Flat Rate

Applicability:

For all water service rendered on a flat rate.

Territory:

In that certain area consisting of some 14 acres, more or less, located near the shore of Lake Tahoe and easterly and immediately adjacent to the Carnelian Bay Post Office, in Placer County.

Rates:

Seasonal flat rate.....\$16.00 per year.

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

Dated at San Francisco California, this 3rd day of June 1947.

Harold P. Kule
Justus F. Calver
Frank R. Kille
R. F. Johnson
Herbert Patten
 COMMISSIONERS.