

The flat rates being charged at present and requested by applicant are as follows:

FLAT RATES

	<u>Per Month</u>
Single residence, entitling customer to irrigate lawn and garden on a single lot	\$2.00
For each additional house	1.00
For stores or other commercial enterprises	2.00

At the hearing applicant asked that his application be amended to include the establishment of a schedule of meter rates, although he declared it is not his intention to install meters generally throughout the system. It appears that this procedure is desirable and such a schedule will be established in the following Order.

Applicant testified that the actual cost of the water system amounted to \$15,053, exclusive of any allowance for his own time or incidental expenses incurred in the development of the water system. He estimated that the system would be serving 125 customers in the immediate future.

Mr. John D. Reader, one of the Commission's engineers, estimated the cost of the fixed capital at \$15,476 and the future revenue and expenses, based upon 125 customers, at \$3,300 and \$2,629, respectively. Using these figures the estimated future rate of return would be 4.34 per cent.

The rates established in the following Order include certain additions to the flat rates as proposed to cover air-conditioning units and a rate for measured service to commercial customers where flat rates are not reasonably appropriate.

The roads in the three tracts have been dedicated for the public use. Mr. Souder testified that the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County has granted to him verbal permission to lay pipe lines in, under and across these roads.

No other public utility water system is operating in this territory and no protest was made against granting applicant's request. The evidence indicates

that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the requested certificate and the establishment of the rates set out in the following Order.

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."

The following form of Order is recommended.

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 G. O. Souder in Tracts No. 35, 58 and 120, Tulare County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to G. O. Souder to operate a public-utility for the distribution and sale of water in the territory herein-before described.
2. That G. O. Souder is 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, the following schedules of rates to be charged for water service rendered to his customers, which schedules of rates are hereby found to be just and reasonable for the service to be rendered:

Schedule No. 1

FLAT RATES

Applicability:

Applicable to all unmeasured water service.

Territory:

In Tracts No. 35, 58 and 120, located adjacent to the southerly boundary of the unincorporated town of Earlimart, Tulare County.

Rates:

Per Month

For single family dwelling to include the irrigation of 2,500 square feet of garden	\$2.00
For service to house trailers or tents when used as dwelling, not including any irrigated area . . .	1.00
For area irrigated in addition to that included with above dwelling or house trailer rates during the months May to October, inclusive, per 100 square feet06
For each water cooler without circulating system, additional charge during months of use50
For each water cooler with circulating system, additional charge during months of use25
For each additional house or apartment served through a single service	1.00
For additional rooms, cabins or tents, without plumbing, when occupied50
For commercial or industrial use according to use to be determined by meter or otherwise and not to exceed the meter rates as herein established.	

Schedule No. 2

METER RATES

Applicability:

Applicable to all measured water service.

Territory:

In Tracts No. 35, 58 and 120, located adjacent to the southerly boundary of the unincorporated town of Earlimart, Tulare County.

Schedule No. 2 - Continued

METER RATES

<u>Rates:</u>	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
<u>Minimum Charge:</u>	
5/8-inch meter	\$1.50
3/4-inch meter	2.00
1-inch meter	3.00
1 1/2-inch meter	5.00
2-inch meter	8.00

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

<u>Quantity Rates:</u>	
First 500 cubic feet, or less	\$1.50
Next 500 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet25
Next 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet20
Next 3,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet15
Over 6,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet10

3. That G. O. Souder, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order, shall file four sets of rules and regulations governing relations with his 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, indicating thereon the service area and the location thereof with reference to the surrounding territory; provided, however, that such map or sketch shall not be construed as a final determination or establishment, in whole or in part, of the dedicated area of service.

4. That G. O. Souder, within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Order, shall file four copies of a comprehensive map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 400 feet to the inch delineating correctly thereon by appropriate markings the various tracts of land in the territory served. Such a map should be reasonably accurate, show the source and date thereof, and include sufficient data to determine clearly and definitely the location of the various properties comprising the entire utility area of service; provided, however, that such filing shall not be construed as a final determination or establishment, in whole or in part, of the dedicated area of service.

For all other purposes the effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

~~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.~~

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of October, 1947.

Harold P. Kula
Justin F. Gessner
Grant Russell
R. J. [unclear]

Commissioners.