

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 44320

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
FRANK GLOBIN for an order authorizing
him to change the time of payment of
water charges for seasonal summer
service from present payment of charges
in two equal installments on May 1 and
July 1, to payment of entire seasonal
charge in advance on May 1st of each
year..

Application No. 31109

Wilke & Fleury by Sherman C. Wilke, for applicant.O P I N I O N

Frank Globin, owner and operator of a public utility water system, by the above-entitled application filed March 15, 1950, requests an order of the Commission authorizing a change in the time of payment of charges for seasonal water service furnished to the customers located in and in the vicinity of Al Tahoe, on the south shore of Lake Tahoe, California. A public hearing on this application was held before Examiner Edwards on June 1, 1950, at Globin's Hotel, Al Tahoe, California. At this hearing, applicant requested amendment of the application to provide for a restatement of rate schedules on summer and winter bases and to provide for fire hydrant and week-end service.

The basic request of applicant is for authority to bill for summer season service in one payment in advance on May 1 each year instead of in two payments, as at present, on May 1 and July 1 of each year. Applicant also requested the following changes: To restate the present service rates in the form of summer and winter rates, with the winter rate seasonal payment due November 1 each year,

but with no change in the total annual level of charges; to provide for a \$10 charge for occasional winter week-end use on temporary basis after customer has paid the summer seasonal charge; to provide a \$5 monthly rental charge for each fire hydrant; and to add a charge of \$20 per each family unit in motels or hotels between the present block rates of \$30 and \$15 per unit.

Applicant's system for production and distribution of water consists of two reservoirs, approximately 3 miles of 10-inch transmission main, and a system of distribution pipes, to serve approximately 125 customers. Water is diverted from Trout Creek above the service area into a 9,000,000-gallon reservoir of earthen construction on one bank of the creek. A larger earthen reservoir of 50,000,000-gallon capacity has been excavated on the hillside one-half mile below the first reservoir, and water flows from the smaller reservoir to the larger reservoir in an open ditch. Water progresses through the reservoirs very slowly and gives ample time for silt and fine, suspended matter to settle out of the water during the heavy runoff season. Nearly all of the service is rendered to summer cabins, homes, or resort businesses with only some 10% of the customers desiring full winter service. Other customers desire only week-end service during the winter months.

In substantiation of need for these changes, applicant testified as to the difficulty of collecting the summer flat rates in two payments. Those residents who take their vacation early in the year are difficult to reach after the first of July. Similarly, those who take vacations late in the summer are difficult to reach in May. Permission to collect the total seasonal charge in one payment should help reduce losses. Applicant also testified that during the past two years the operations have shown a loss; however, at this time a general system-wide rate increase is not being sought. The present year-round

rates provide for payment on July 1 and January 1. A change in these payment dates to May 1 and November 1, with a change to summer and winter seasonal rates, should lower the cost of making collections.

The local fire district requested the utility to install 10 fire hydrants at various points in the service area. Mr. Globin testified that he has installed an 8-inch main, at an expense of \$22,000, from which these hydrants will be served. Applicant proposes a rate of \$5 per month per hydrant for this special service, which is the same rate as is being charged in Carson City and Reno. The district has agreed to the \$5 rate. The hydrants were purchased and furnished by the district, together with an advance of \$50 per hydrant toward the utility's cost of connection.

Several customers appeared at the hearing and furnished statements for the record. The water service is of first quality, and none objected to the proposal to collect the full summer charge in advance or to the other rate requests of the applicant.

In analyzing the record in this proceeding and in reaching a conclusion as to the rates for the future, we are of the opinion that the present request of applicant is reasonable and should be granted. Applicant's proposal will not result in any increase in rates to the majority of the customers. The change in the motel rate may result in a small increase where more than three units are involved. The winter week-end rate provides a reduction from that portion of the present year-round rate which is applicable to winter service. Fire hydrant service is a new rate and does not involve any increase to existing customers.

O R D E R

Frank Globin, owner and operator of a water utility, having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing changes or

Schedule No. 1

FLAT RATESSEASONAL BASISAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all domestic, commercial, and industrial water service furnished at flat rates.

TERRITORY

In and in the vicinity of Al Tahoe, El Dorado County.

RATES

<u>Seasonal Charges Payable in Advance</u>	<u>Summer Season 5/1-10/31 Incl.</u>	<u>Winter Season 11/1-4/30 Incl.</u>
One-Family Dwelling	\$40.00	\$30.00
Two-Family Dwelling	75.00	55.00
Hotels, Apartments or Motels, first room or unit	60.00	40.00
Next 3 rooms or units, each	30.00	20.00
Next 6 rooms or units, each	20.00	14.00
Over 10 rooms or units, each	15.00	10.00
Service Stations	50.00	50.00
Restaurants or lunch counters, accord- ing to size and use of water	100.00 to 200.00	75.00
Barber shops, stores, or other small commercial establishments, each	50.00	25.00
For each outdoor faucet connected to pipe not larger than 3/4-inch	2.50	
Al Tahoe Hotel, Highway Hotel, restaurant stores, all cottages and outbuildings, laundry, chalet, service station, irriga- tion and sprinkling of lawns, flowers, shrubbery and grounds. Total for entire year	4,000.00	

Schedule No. 2

METERED SERVICESEASONAL BASISAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all domestic, commercial, and industrial water service furnished at meter rates.

TERRITORY

In and in the vicinity of Al Tahoe, El Dorado County.

RATES

Seasonal Minimum Charge payable in advance.

Seasonal Minimum Charge:	Per Meter Per Season	
	Summer Season 5/1-10/31 Incl.	Winter Season 11/1-4/30 Incl.
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 36.00	\$ 24.00
For 1-inch meter.....	54.00	36.00
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....	175.00	85.00
For 2-inch meter.....	240.00	120.00

The Seasonal Minimum Charge will entitle the customer to that quantity of water which one-sixth (1/6) of the Seasonal Minimum Charge will purchase at the following Quantity Rates:

Quantity Rates:	Per Meter Per Month	
	Summer Season	Winter Season
First 1,200 cu.ft. per month or less.....	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.00
Over 1,200 cu.ft. per month per 100 cu.ft.	.30	.20

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A meter may be installed at the option of either the utility or the customer. When service is changed from flat to metered at the customer's written request, such service must be continued for not less than 36 months at the meter rates before it may again be changed to flat rates.

Schedule No. 3

FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service furnished to fire hydrants installed at locations specified by the local Fire Protection District.

TERRITORY

In and in the vicinity of Al Tahoe, El Dorado County.

RATES

	<u>Per Month</u>
Each hydrant.....	\$5.00.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Hydrants will be furnished, installed, and maintained by the Fire District.
2. The Fire District will specify to the utility in writing, locations of the fire hydrants to be installed.

Schedule No. 4

TEMPORARY OPTIONAL WINTER WEEK-END SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to occasional week-end residential water service during the winter season.

TERRITORY

In and in the vicinity of Al Tahoe, El Dorado County.

RATES

Winter Season
11/1-4/30 Incl.

Each family residential unit, payable in advance.....	\$10.00
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. This service will be available only to those customers who have paid the applicable Seasonal Charge for the previous summer season.
2. This optional rate schedule is available during the period from November 1, 1950 to April 30, 1951.

increases in rates, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the increases in rates and charges authorized herein are justified; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Applicant is authorized to file in quadruplicate with this Commission after the effective date of this order, in conformity with General Order No. 96, the schedule of rates and conditions shown in Exhibit A attached hereto, and, after not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, to make said rates and conditions effective for service rendered on and after July 15, 1950.
2. Applicant, within forty (40) days from the effective date of this order, shall file with this Commission four sets of rules and regulations governing customer relations, each set of which shall contain a suitable map or sketch, drawn to an indicated scale upon a sheet 8½ x 11 inches in size, delineating thereupon by distinctive markings the boundary of applicant's present service area and the location thereof with reference to the immediate surrounding territory, provided, however, that such filing shall not be construed as a final or conclusive determination or establishment of the dedicated area of service or portion thereof.
3. Applicant, within forty (40) days after the effective date of this order, shall file four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 400 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the various tracts of land and territory served and the location of various properties of applicant.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of June, 1950.

R. E. Anderson

James H. Russell

Harold A. Kula

James H. Russell
Commissioners.