

Decision No. 45659**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Whittier Water Company,  
 a corporation, for authority to charge  
 and assess flat rates for domestic  
 water service.

Application No. 32362

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Whittier Water Company, on April 26, 1951, filed Application No. 32350 requesting a general increase in rates in Los Angeles County. On April 27, 1951, the applicant filed the above-entitled application requesting issuance of an ex parte order authorizing applicant to immediately assess and collect the flat rates set forth in Exhibit "F" attached to the application on an emergency basis until full hearings may be held.

The reason recited by the applicant for the emergency relief is its inability to obtain sufficient quantities of meters to fill all meter requirements, due to the unprecedented growth in the Whittier area and National Production Authority regulations which restrict the use of critical materials in the manufacture of meters. It has been the policy of the applicant for many years to meter all services. However, because of the inability to obtain meters in sufficient quantities at the present time, the applicant now proposes on an emergency basis to furnish flat rate service at the rates shown below, with the condition that a meter may be installed on any service at the option of either the customer or the utility.

	Company Proposed Rate <u>Per Month</u>
For each residence, including one lot consisting of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre or less, per service.....	\$2.75
Each additional $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.....	1.00
Each additional residence or lot.....	1.00

Based upon the showing made in the application, the Commission is of the opinion that an ex parte interim order should be issued pending hearing on the application, except that a flat rate of \$2 per month should be authorized rather than \$2.75 as requested.

Whittier Water Company having applied for an order authorizing the establishment of flat rates on an emergency basis, the Commission being of the opinion that interim relief should be granted as indicated above, and finding as a fact that increases in rates and charges authorized herein are justified; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the applicant may file in quadruplicate with this Commission, in conformity with General Order No. 96, the schedule of rates as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and, on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public, make said rates effective for service furnished on and after May 20, 1951, and until further Commission order herein.

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1951.

R. L. Dunderman  
James F. Galloway  
Harold P. Kule

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John E. L. Hill  
 Commissioners.

## EXHIBIT A

## Schedule No. 5

EMERGENCY MONTHLY FLAT RATESAPPLICABILITY

Applicable only during temporary emergency periods pending availability of water meters to domestic water service, including irrigation of residential property at flat rates.

TERRITORY

In that subdivided area served by the Whittier Water Company.

RATESPer Month

For each residence including one lot	
consisting of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, or less, per service.....	\$2.00
Each additional $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.....	1.00
Each additional residence on lot.....	1.00

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A meter will be installed by applicant as soon as practicable after receipt of water meters from applicant's suppliers.