

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 47351

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES, INC., A California)
corporation, for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity in San Bernardino) Application No. 33205
County under Section 1001 of the Public)
Utilities Code.)

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for applicant; Mrs. Varena Y. Smith, for Muscoy
Mutual Water Company No. 1, interested party;
James G. Lee, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Mountain Properties, Inc., a corporation, by the above-entitled application filed March 10, 1952, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity under Section 1001 of the Public Utilities Code, to operate a water system to be known as its Berdooco water system in San Bernardino County. The establishment of rates is also requested.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Warner on May 28, 1952, in San Bernardino.

Mountain Properties, Inc., was incorporated in 1931. It furnishes water service to approximately 6,600 consumers in several separate water systems in Orange, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Kern Counties in accordance with various certificates of public convenience and necessity granted by this Commission. Its main offices are located in Los Angeles, and a general warehouse and maintenance and repair shop are operated in Santa Ana.

The area for which a certificate is requested herein comprises approximately 50 acres located west of the City of San Bernardino, between California Street and State Street, and just

south of Sixteenth Street and north of Nineteenth Street. Part of the area has been subdivided into Tract No. 3553, San Bernardino County, comprising 40 lots, and the balance is unsubdivided.

The source of water supply is a well located on property owned by applicant in the extreme southwest corner of the proposed service area. The well is 12 inches in diameter, 350 feet deep, and a pump to which is attached a 30 hp electric motor is installed therein. The production capacity of the installed equipment is 360 gallons per minute, but the record shows the well could produce 1,000 gallons per minute. The distribution system installed comprises 6-inch and 4-inch transite mains into Tract No. 3553. A 5,000-gallon steel pressure tank is connected to the system. An automatic purification system has been installed.

At the present time 20 homes have been constructed in the tract, and there are 14 active service connections.

The record shows that the water supply has been tested periodically by San Bernardino health authorities and found to be potable.

From a review of the record it appears that the source of water supply and the distribution system installed are adequate to serve the proposed area.

Applicant requests the establishment of a monthly flat rate of \$3 per month for a single family residence on a lot not to exceed 8,000 sq. ft. in area, through a 3/4-inch service, and monthly flat rates for other types of service. It also requests the establishment of general metered service rates which include a minimum charge of \$2 per meter per month, and quantity charges of \$0.25 per 100 cu. ft. for the first 800 cu. ft., \$0.20 per 100 cu. ft. for the next 3,200 cu. ft., and \$0.15 per 100 cu. ft. for all over 4,000 cu. ft. Such rates are now in effect, and no change therein is applied for.

Applicant commenced the installation of water system pipe lines early in 1951 and completed it in the latter part of 1951. The estimated historical cost of the system, including overhead, was \$18,762.66. No sound estimate of operating revenues or expenses can be determined because of the short period of actual operation, and because of the small number of consumers.

Applicant's witness, J. L. Lyon, president, testified that he believed the subdivider of Tract No. 3553 would continue to develop the area, or that someone else would.

No other public utility water company of like character with which applicant might compete operates in, or in the vicinity of, the proposed area, and no protests or objections to the granting of the application were entered at the hearing.

The Commission has considered the application of Mountain Properties, Inc., for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system in Tract No. 3553, San Bernardino County, and in surrounding territory as shown on the map attached to Exhibit No. 1 filed at the hearing, and is of the opinion that it should be granted 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 action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the property herein described.

O R D E R

Mountain Properties, Inc., a corporation, having applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system to be known as its Berdooco water system in an area comprising approximately 50 acres, including Tract No. 3553, San Bernardino County, located west of the City of San Bernardino, between California Street and State Street, and just south of Sixteenth Street and north of Nineteenth Street, 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 public convenience and necessity require that Mountain Properties, Inc., be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system in the area described herein and delineated on the map filed at the hearing with Exhibit No. 1; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is granted to Mountain Properties, Inc., to construct and operate a public utility water system in the area hereinabove described.
2. That applicant is authorized to file in quadruplicate with this Commission after the effective date of this order, in conformity with the Commission's General Order No. 96, a schedule of rates shown in Exhibit A attached hereto; and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, to make such rates effective for services rendered on and after August 1, 1952.
3. That applicant shall file, within forty (40) days after the effective date of this order, four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 600 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the various tracts of land and territory served, and the location of various properties of applicant.

- 4. That applicant shall file, coincident with the rate filing ordered herein, four copies of a tariff service area map acceptable to the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of June, 1952.

R. T. [Signature]
President.

Justice F. [Signature]

Harold [Signature]

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Commissioners.

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Schedule No. 1
MONTHLY FLAT RATE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all unmeasured water service.

TERRITORY

Throughout the authorized Berdooco water system service area.

RATES

	<u>Per Month</u>
For single-family residence on a lot not to exceed 8,000 square feet in area, through 3/4-inch service	\$3.00
For each additional family unit on a single lot	2.00
For each additional 100 square feet of lot area	0.03
For each store, market or shop (service connection not to exceed 3/4-inch)	3.00
For each service station (service connection not to exceed 3/4-inch)	4.00

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- All service not covered by the above classification will be furnished only on a metered basis.
- Meters may be installed at the option of the utility or customer for above classifications, in which event service will thereafter be rendered only on the basis of Schedule No. 2 - General Metered Service.

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Schedule No. 2

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all measured water service.

TERRITORY

Throughout the authorized Berdooco water system.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per Meter Per Month
First 800 cu. ft. or less	\$ 2.00
Next 3,200 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.20
Over 4,000 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.15
Minimum Charge:	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 2.00
For 1-inch meter	4.00
For 1½-inch meter	7.50
For 2-inch meter	10.00
For 3-inch meter	20.00
For 4-inch meter	30.00

The Minimum Charge will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that minimum charge will purchase at the Quantity Rates.

In the event meters are not available when customers apply for service, the proper size connection will be made and the customer charged the minimum meter rate per month for the size meter required.