

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 47376

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of JOHN STURNACLE for)
a certificate to construct a public)
water system; and to establish water)
rates.)

Application No. 33306

John Sturnacle, in propria persona, and
Gale O. Kenyon, Consulting Engineer, for
applicant; Reginald H. Knaggs, for the
Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

John Sturnacle, an individual, by the above-entitled application filed April 10, 1952, seeks authority to construct a public utility water system in Tract No. 3713, San Bernardino County, near Barstow. The establishment of rates is also requested. The area for which a certificate is requested is shown, with respect to its relation to the city limits of Barstow, on the map attached to the application.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Warner on June 11, 1952, in Barstow.

Description of Tract

Applicant is the owner of Tract No. 3713, San Bernardino County, located approximately one mile east of the City of Barstow, on the north and east sides of the Santa Fe Railroad, along Riverside Drive. Exhibit No. 1 filed at the hearing shows in detail the composition of Tract No. 3713. Said tract comprises 65 lots. As of the date of the hearing no lots had been sold and there were no consumers.

Description of Water System

Applicant's source of water supply is a well, 100 feet in depth located on Lot 14. The well site, which is owned by applicant, is immediately adjacent to the Mojave River. The static water level in the well is 20 feet, and the pumping level is 40 feet. Installed in the well are two pumps driven by two 5 hp electric motors. The combined production capacity of the pumping plants is 120 gallons per minute. The pumping units are controlled by dual range pressure controls operating from a 500-gallon pressure tank located adjacent to the well. Another well is under construction on Lot 14. This well will supplement applicant's present well, and will provide a standby source of water supply. The distribution water system which has been installed comprises 4-inch and 2-inch steel pipe as shown in detail on the map filed at the hearing as Exhibit No. 2. Four fire hydrant risers have been installed, and applicant has hydrants on hand. Fire protection for the area will be provided by applicant, but no charge therefor, at present, is proposed to be made. Applicant also has on hand forty 5/8x3/4-inch meters, thirty-seven 3/4-inch meters, and one 2-inch meter, and applicant proposes to install meters on all services.

Exhibit No. 3 filed subsequent to the hearing is a laboratory analysis of the source of water supply. It indicates that the water supply is free of contamination, and is 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 resides in Needles, and has had 30 years' water service experience as an employee of the Santa Fe Railroad. He has advanced all funds, and will continue to advance funds, for the construction and operation of the water system until it pays its way.

Requested Rates

No flat rates are proposed. The proposed basic general metered service rates follow:

		<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
First	1,200 cubic feet or less.....	\$3.00
Next	1,800 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	.25
Next	7,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	.20
Over	10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet	.16

Cost of System

Exhibit No. 4 filed at the hearing shows the total cost of the water system installed as of the date of the hearing to have been \$14,787.90. Applicant proposes to expend \$4,113.75 within the next 12 months for additions to the water system in Tract No. 3713. He anticipates placing the system in operation on September 1, 1952.

Conclusion

No public utilities of like character with which applicant might compete are located in or adjacent to the proposed area in this application, and no objections or protests to the granting of the application were entered by any party.

The Commission has considered the request of John Sturnacle, an individual, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a public utility water system in Tract No. 3713, San Bernardino County, and is of the opinion that it should be granted subject to the following condition 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

The above-entitled application having been filed, 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 the construction and operation of a public utility water system by John Sturnacle, an individual, in Tract No. 3713, San Bernardino County, near Barstow; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it is, granted to John Sturnacle, an individual, to 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, together with rules and regulations and four copies of a tariff service area map, 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of June, 1952.

R. T. Dunning
President.

Harold A. Kula

Fremont Potter

Robert E. Mitchell

Commissioners.

JUSTUS F. CRAEMER

Commissioner....., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

EXHIBIT A

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all domestic and commercial metered water service.

TERRITORY

Throughout the authorized service area including Tract No. 3713, San Bernardino County, near Barstow.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>
First 1,200 cu.ft. or less.....	\$ 3.00
Next 1,800 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.....	.25
Next 7,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.....	.20
Over 10,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.....	.16
 Minimum Charge:	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 3.00
For 3/4-inch meter.....	4.00
For 1-inch meter.....	6.00
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....	12.00
For 2-inch meter.....	15.00

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