

Decision No. 48196

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of SAN JOSE HILLS WATER COMPANY, )  
a California Corporation, for a ) Application No. 33813  
Certificate of Public Convenience )  
and Necessity. )

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president and general manager, for applicant;  
Robert M. Mann, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

San Jose Hills Water Company, a corporation, by the above-entitled application filed October 16, 1952, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a public utility water system to be known as its Covina Knolls System, in Tract No. 18310 in unincorporated territory, Los Angeles County. The area is delineated on the maps, Exhibit "A" attached to the application, and Exhibit No. 1 filed at the hearing. The establishment of a schedule of rates for this system is also requested.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Warner on December 30, 1952, at Los Angeles. No protests to the granting of this application were entered at the hearing.

General Information

San Jose Hills Water Company is a public utility water corporation operating under the jurisdiction of this Commission. It furnishes water service in its Puente, South Covina, Highlands, West Covina, Sunkist and Glendora Systems.

Request for a Certificate to  
Serve Tract No. 18310

The area for which a certificate is requested is being subdivided as Tract No. 18310, Los Angeles County. Said tract is located north of Carvey Boulevard and north of Covina Hills Road in low rolling hills, approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of applicant's present West Covina System. Homes are being and are to be constructed on 51 one-half and three-quarter acre lots.

Applicant proposes to utilize an existing well located on the so-called Alayne Gant property. The pumping plant installation at this well has a production capacity of about 45 gallons per minute. Applicant proposes to utilize an existing reservoir with a capacity of 50,000 gallons to serve the proposed area. In order to supplement the existing sources of water supply it is proposed to drill a new well south of Puente Avenue at Reeder Road and to acquire and refurbish an existing reservoir on the east side of Glendora Road and north of Puente Avenue. This reservoir will have a capacity of one million gallons. Applicant, through ownership of stock in Covina Irrigating Company, a mutual company, will have available to it through existing pipe-line connections and pipe lines proposed to be installed, about 2,500 gallons per minute of water to supply the reservoir and, in turn, to supply the proposed area. The distribution system in Tract No. 18310 will be installed by the subdivider of the tract under applicant's regularly filed subdivision extension rule.

The existing and proposed water system installations are shown on Exhibit No. 1.

From a review of the record it appears that the sources of water supply as they now exist and as applicant proposes to supplement them, and the distribution system proposed to be installed, are adequate to serve the proposed area.

Rates

Upon considering the hilly topography of the proposed area and the resultant differences in pumping, storage, and service area elevations, the proposed rates for the Covina Knoll System appear to be reasonable, and their filing will be authorized by the order which follows.

Conclusion

The Commission has considered the application of San Jose Hills Water Company, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a public utility water system in Tract No. 18310, Los Angeles County, to be known as its Covina Knoll System, 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

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require that San Jose Hills Water Company, a corporation, be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a public utility water system in Tract

No. 18310, Los Angeles County, in the area delineated on the maps, Exhibit "A" attached to the application and Exhibit No. 1 filed at the hearing; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That San Jose Hills Water Company, a corporation, be, and it is, granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity in the area hereinabove described.
2. That applicant be, and it 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 March 1, 1953.
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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1953.

R. J. [Signature]  
President.

James F. [Signature]

Harold P. [Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]  
Commissioners.

## EXHIBIT A

## Schedule No. 8

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Throughout the authorized service area known as the Covina Knolls System in Tract No. 18310, Los Angeles County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
First 1,000 cu.ft. or less.....	\$3.00
Next 4,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.....	.20
Next 10,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.....	.15
Over 15,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.....	.12
 Minimum Charge:	
For 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 3.00
For 1-inch meter.....	5.00
For 1 1/2-inch meter.....	7.50
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.