

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 48324

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of JOE CONIFF and EMILY CONIFF, )  
his wife, for a Certificate of )  
Public Convenience and Necessity )  
to Operate a Water System in )  
Fruitridge Gardens, County of )  
Sacramento, State of California. )

Application No. 33778

Joe Coniff, for Joe Coniff and Emily Coniff,  
his wife, applicants.  
George F. Tinkler, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Applicants, Joe Coniff and Emily Coniff, his wife, filed their application on October 2, 1952, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish and operate a public utility water system in the proposed service area known as Fruitridge Gardens, which is a subdivision composed of an area of approximately eight acres in Sacramento County adjacent to the southerly city limits of the City of Sacramento. A map of the proposed service area is attached to the application herein and such a map was introduced into evidence as a part of Exhibit No. 1.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held before Commissioner Mitchell and Examiner Cline at Sacramento on January 9, 1953.

Description of System

The subdivision consists of 37 lots. At the time of the hearing 16 homes had been constructed and 3 were under construction thereon. Eighteen lots were still vacant. There are water outlets to all the lots.

The system has two 8-inch wells which are more than adequate to serve the proposed area, a five hp motor, a 20 hp

motor, one 200-gallon steel pressure tank, one 2,000-gallon steel pressure tank, approximately 980 feet of 4-inch Armco steel mains, approximately 200 feet of 2-inch standard screw galvanized pipe, 1-inch main for 1-inch and 3/4-inch connections, and three risers for fire hydrants.

The mains were laid in Soledad Way prior to the conveyance of this street to the county.

The entire system cost applicants approximately \$10,000, and all costs have been paid in full by them.

The Wells Chlorine Company regularly chlorinates the water and submits its certificates to the public health department.

The record shows that no other public utility water system wishes to serve in the service area requested by applicants.

No consumer complaints respecting the service were made at the hearing.

Proposed Rates

Applicants propose to serve water on an unmeasured basis at the following flat rates:

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>
For each residence, including reasonable and necessary quantities of water for an irrigated area of not over 3,000 square feet of lawns, gardens, shrubbery and trees .....	\$2.50
For each residence, for all irrigated area in excess of 3,000 square feet, per 100 square feet (payable only during the six months of May through October, both inclusive) .....	.02

It is apparent that at the above rates very little net return, if any, can be expected until the tract is entirely developed or expanded into adjoining territory.

Applicants realize that for some time the revenues will not be sufficient to pay operating expenses, but nevertheless they are willing to provide such additional funds as may be required for the operation of the system themselves.

The above rates are reasonable and should be authorized.

Heretofore applicants have not maintained a record of operating revenues and expenses and expenditures for plant. They are hereby placed on notice that they are required to do so.

Financial Ability

The record shows that applicants have the requisite financial ability to continue the development of the public utility water system as proposed.

Conclusion

The Commission has considered the request of applicants for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish a public utility water system and is of the opinion that it should be granted. The rates for water service proposed by applicants should be authorized.

The certificate issued herein is 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.

O R D E R

The above-entitled application having been considered, 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 will require the construction and operation of a public utility water system by Joe Coniff and Emily Coniff, his wife, in Sacramento County in the area known as Fruitridge Gardens and set forth on the map attached to the application on file herein.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted Joe Coniff and Emily Coniff, his wife, to construct and operate a public utility water system for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinbefore described.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall:

1. File with this Commission, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, in conformance with the provisions of General Order No. 96, four copies of the schedule of rates attached hereto as Exhibit A, together with four copies of rules and regulations and service area map and, on not less than five days' notice to the public and this Commission, make said rates, rules and regulations effective for all water service rendered on or after the 1st day of April, 1953.
2. File with this Commission, within forty days after the effective date of this order, four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale not smaller than 100 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the tract of land and the territory served and the location of property of applicant.

The authorization herein granted will lapse if not exercised within one year from the date hereof. ✓

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof. ✓

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of March, 1953.

[Signature]  
President

Justus J. Casner  
Harold G. Galt

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Commissioners.

EXHIBIT A

FLAT RATE WATER SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to residential water service furnished on a flat rate basis.

TERRITORY

In the unincorporated area known as Fruitridge Gardens, located in Sacramento County, adjacent to the southeasterly boundary of the City of Sacramento.

RATES

	<u>Per Service Per Month</u>
For each residence including premises not exceeding 3,000 square feet of irrigated area .....	\$2.50
For each additional 100 square feet of irrigated area of premises in excess of 3,000 square feet during each of the months of May through October, inclusive .....	.02

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Flat rate charges are payable monthly in advance.