

ORIGINALDecision No. 48996

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 DESERT WATER COMPANY, a California)
 corporation, (a) For certificate of)
 public convenience and necessity to)
 operate public utility water systems)
 under Section 1001 of the Public)
 Utilities Code, and (b) For order)
 fixing rates for such water systems)
 under Section 455 of the Public)
 Utilities Code.)

Application No. 34197

Moss, Lyon and Dunn, by George C. Lyon,
 for applicant.

Dr. J. L. Moore, for Victorville Chamber
 of Commerce, Oren Robertson, for San
 Bernardino County Fair, George Seals
 and E. F. Dibble, for Mojave River
 County Water District, interested
 parties.

Robert M. Mann, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Desert Water Company,^{1/} a corporation, by the above-
 entitled application filed March 30, 1953, seeks a certificate of
 public convenience and necessity to operate a water system in
 Tract No. 2015, known as Arrowhead View, in the San Bernardino
 Mountains, San Bernardino County. It also seeks a certificate of
 public convenience and necessity to extend its Victorville No. 2
 Water System into Section 23, Township 5 North, Range 5 West,
 S.B.B.&M. The establishment of rates for each area is also sought.
 Exhibits "B" and "E" attached to the application are maps of the
 areas requested to be certificated.

^{1/} Consolidated with Mountain Properties, Inc., into Pacific Water
 Co. on June 3, 1953. Consolidation approved by Decision
 No. 48648 dated June 1, 1953, in Application No. 34371. Desert
 Water Company hereinafter referred to as Pacific or applicant.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Commissioner Huls and Examiner Warner on August 7, 1953 at San Bernardino. There was no protest to the granting of the application for the Arrowhead View area, and the Victorville Chamber of Commerce withdrew a request for a continuance, entered at the early part of the hearing, prior to the submission of the matter.

General Information

Pacific operates public utility water systems throughout Southern California, including a public utility water system at Rimforest, which is located on the Rim of the World Drive in the San Bernardino Mountains as shown on the map, Exhibit No. 2, filed at the hearing. The location of its Victorville No. 2 Water System is shown on Exhibit No. 3 filed at the hearing.

Arrowhead View

As of April 1, 1953, applicant was furnishing water service to 79 consumers in Tract No. 2015, Arrowhead View, which comprises 404 lots. Exhibit No. 1 is a description of the water system and its facilities. Said exhibit indicates that the sources of water supply, water storage facilities and distribution pipelines have been and are adequate to serve the proposed area. Applicant's witness testified that should additional sources of water supply be required, a cross-connection could be effected with its Rimforest system. Such cross-connection, however, the record shows, is not practicable at the present time except on an emergency basis.

Applicant proposes to continue to charge the same metered service rates which have been in effect in the Arrowhead View System for some time and which were levied by a mutual water company which formerly owned and operated the system.

Extension of Victorville No. 2 Water System

At the request of Omart Investment Company, a subdivider, which in turn had been requested by the State Realty Board to ask applicant to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity, applicant proposes to extend its water system into Section 23, Township 5 North, Range 5 West, S.B.B.&M., which adjoins and is immediately contiguous to Section 24 to the west thereof. At the present time no water facilities are installed in the requested area and there are no consumers. Applicant's witness testified that it could and would extend its present water system facilities westerly from Section 24. He further testified that sources of water supply in Pacific's Victorville No. 2 Water System comprised four wells, each of which had a production capacity of 1500 gallons per minute. Distribution pipelines installed in Section 24 consist of 4- and 6-inch mains.

Applicant proposes to apply its presently filed general metered service rates for its Victorville system to Section 23. It amended the instant application to add a minimum charge for a 4-inch meter of \$30 per meter per month and for a 6-inch meter of \$40 per meter per month.

Service to San Bernardino County Fairgrounds

The representative of the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds at Victorville who appeared at the hearing as an interested party complained of sand in the water system facilities at the fairgrounds. Applicant's president offered to install a sand trap in order to correct this condition and this should be done. At the present time the fairgrounds are served through a 4-inch meter for which applicant has no filed schedule for its Victorville system. The order which follows will provide for the addition of the minimum charges requested by applicant.

Conclusion

The Commission has considered the application of Pacific for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system in Tract No. 2015, Arrowhead View, San Bernardino County, and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to extend its Victorville No. 2 Water System into Section 23, Township 5 North, Range 5 West, S.B.B.&M., 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.

The order which follows will provide for the establishment of rates as requested, except that those for the Arrowhead View System will be converted to cubic foot units of quantity measurement and be set up on an annual basis with provision for monthly payments for consumers who have paid for service during the preceding 12 months.

O R D E R

The above-entitled application having been filed and amended at the hearing to change the name of applicant from Desert Water Company to Pacific Water Co., and as amended to add certain minimum charges, 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 Pacific Water Co. be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system in Tract No. 2015, known as Arrowhead View, San Bernardino County, and to extend its Victorville No. 2 Water System into Section 23, Township 5 North, Range 5 West, S.B.B.&M., as shown on the maps "B" and "E" attached to the application; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That applicant Pacific Water Co. be and it is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a water system and to extend its water system in the areas hereinabove described.
- 2(a) 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 rates and regulations and four copies of a tariff service area map, and on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and the public, to make such rates effective for services rendered on and after September 16, 1953.
- (b) That applicant be and it is authorized to apply its presently filed Victorville system rates to the extension of its Victorville No. 2 Water System authorized hereinabove, and to add to such filed rates a minimum charge for a 4-inch meter of \$30 per meter per month, and for a 6-inch meter of \$40 per meter per month.
- 3. That applicant shall file, within forty days after the effective date of this order, four copies of a comprehensive map drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 100 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the various tracts of land and territories served and the location of various properties of applicant in its Arrowhead View System and in its Victorville No. 2 Water System.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of August, 1953. Commissioner N. E. Mittelstaedt Kenneth Potter, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

President

Justice F. Casper

Harold P. Hule

John L. Mitchell

Commissioners

EXHIBIT A
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Schedule No. 1

ANNUAL GENERAL METERED SERVICE

ARROWHEAD VIEW SYSTEM

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area and vicinity known as Arrowhead View, Tract No. 2015, near Lake Arrowhead, San Bernardino County.

RATES

Monthly Quantity Rates:

	<u>Per Meter per Month</u>
First 300 cu.ft. or less	\$2.00
Over 300 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.60

Annual Minimum Charge:

	<u>Per Meter per Year</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$24.00
For 1-inch meter	48.00
For 1-1/2-inch meter	90.00
For 2-inch meter	120.00

The Annual Minimum Charge will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which one twelfth of the annual minimum charge will purchase each month at the Monthly Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The above annual minimum charges apply to service during the calendar year and are due on January 1. A customer who has paid for service during the preceding 12 months may elect to pay the annual minimum charge on a monthly basis equal to one twelfth of the annual minimum charge.

2. The charge for water used in excess of the quantity allowed per month for the minimum charge will be payable upon presentation of the monthly bill for such excess quantity.