

ORIGINALDecision No. 49405

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 E. J. GUIDOTTI for a certificate of)
 public convenience and necessity to)
 operate a public utility water sys-)
 tem and to establish rates for water)
 service in the unincorporated area)
 known as RANCHO DEL PARADISO SUB-)
 DIVISION (near Duncan Mills) Sonoma)
 County, California.)

Application No. 34675

E. J. Guidotti, in propria persona.
Verner R. Muth, of the Commission staff.

O P I N I O NPreliminary Statement

Emile J. Guidotti, by this application, filed August 27, 1953, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing operation of a public utility water system in Rancho Del Paradise Subdivision, on the Russian River opposite Duncan Mills, Sonoma County. Public hearing was held before Examiner Gregory at Guerneville on October 22, 1953, at which time the application, which was unopposed, was submitted for decision.

Service Area and Facilities

Rancho Del Paradise Subdivision, a project of applicant, is about 200 feet in width and one mile in length. It was originally subdivided in 1930 into 200 lots. As much of the area rises steeply from the river it is anticipated that no more than 100 residences will ultimately be built, some of them on two or more lots.

Water from two springs, with a combined ultimate flow of about 20 gallons per minute, is conveyed through 4,300 feet of transmission pipe of from 1 to 1½ inches in diameter to two tanks

with a combined storage capacity of 12,000 gallons. The distribution mains, varying from 1 to 2 inches in diameter, have a total length of approximately 7,125 feet.

There are now 19 homes in the tract, five of which have developed water from springs or wells. Five or six new consumers are expected to be added during the next year. Although the springs are considered a sufficient source of supply for present needs, a new well at the eastern end of the tract, expected to produce about 50 gallons per minute, and larger mains may be required later. Applicant is prepared to install such facilities if and when needed.

The present value of the facilities now installed was estimated by applicant at \$4,500, although there is no record of their original cost. Anticipated improvements totaling approximately \$7,500 (including the additional well, meters and other items) will eventually increase the investment to the neighborhood of \$12,000. Applicant proposes to employ a local representative, possibly a retired resident of the tract who is familiar with the system.

Rates

Applicant, by an exhibit filed at the hearing (Exhibit 1), proposed a schedule of annual rates for metered service consisting of monthly quantity rates, commencing at \$2 for the first 400 cubic feet of water or less, and an annual minimum charge, payable July 1, commencing at \$24 for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. The proposed rates, set forth in Appendix A attached to the following order, are hereby found to be reasonable and will be authorized.

Conclusions

We conclude from the record herein that the requested certificate should be granted subject, however, 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.

ORDER

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 applicant in Rancho Del Paradise Subdivision, Sonoma County, California, within the area set forth in a map marked Exhibit 4 in this proceeding; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to E. J. Guidotti to construct and operate a public utility water system for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinbefore described.

(2) That applicant shall:

- (a) File in quadruplicate the rates set forth in Appendix A attached to this order, to be effective on or before the date service is rendered to the public, together with rules and regulations and tariff service area map acceptable to this Commission and in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 96.

- (b) File, within forty days after the system is placed in operation, four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale not smaller than 200 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the various tracts of land and territory served and the location of the various properties of applicant.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of December, 1953.

R. F. [Signature]
President

James F. [Signature]

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Commissioners

APPENDIX A

Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Rancho Del Paradiso Subdivision, near Duncan Mills, Sonoma County.

RATES

Monthly Quantity Rates:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
First 400 cu.ft. or less	\$ 2.00
Next 1,600 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.40
Next 3,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.35
Over 5,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.25

Annual Minimum Charge:

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Year</u>
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 24.00
For 3/4-inch meter	36.00
For 1-inch meter	72.00
For 1 1/2-inch meter	120.00
For 2-inch meter	180.00

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The above annual minimum charges apply to service during the 12-month-period commencing July 1, and are due in advance.
2. When the annual minimum charge is paid annually in advance, charges for water used in excess of the monthly allowance under the annual minimum charge may be billed monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly at the option of the utility on a noncumulative monthly consumption basis.