

ORIGINALDecision No. 49435

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 W. D. Brown doing business under the)
 firm name and style Kenwood Village)
 Water Company, for a Certificate of) Application No. 34434
 Public Convenience and Necessity to)
 operate a public utility water system;)
 and to establish rates for water)
 service in the unincorporated area)
 known as Kenwood Village Subdivision.)

Dennis P. Keegan, for applicant.
Richard M. Ramsey, City Attorney, for
 City of Santa Rosa, interested party.
Verner R. Muth, of the Commission's
 staff.

O P I N I O NPreliminary Statement

W. D. Brown, an individual doing business under the name of Kenwood Village Water Company, by this application, filed June 11, 1953, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a public utility water system in Kenwood Village Subdivision, Sonoma County.

Public hearing was held before Examiner Gregory at Santa Rosa on October 23, 1953, at which time the application was submitted for decision. No opposition was manifested at the hearing.

Service Area and Facilities

Kenwood Village Subdivision, comprising approximately 32 acres of land, is located midway between Santa Rosa and Sonoma west of State Highway 12. It consists of 80 one-quarter acre residential lots and a 4-acre parcel, adjacent to the

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highway, for eventual use as a shopping center. At the time of the hearing there were three residences constructed in the tract, one of which had been sold.

Water is obtained from a 10-inch well, 400 feet deep, equipped with a 20 hp electric motor directly connected to a deep-well turbine pump presently set at 120 feet. Water will be pumped to a 3,500 gallon pressure tank from which it will be delivered to consumers by means of approximately 2,450 feet of 6-inch and 2,200 feet of 4-inch diameter 10-gauge welded and dipped steel pipe. At present, the well, pump, pressure tank and about 400 feet of distribution main are installed. The balance of the system, including distribution mains, meters and fire hydrants, will be installed as the tract is further developed.

The estimated cost of the system, as presently installed, totals \$12,814.01. The cost of additions, as the tract develops, is estimated at \$12,500.

Rates

Applicant has proposed a minimum flat rate of \$2.25 per month. The minimum rate proposed for metered service is \$1.90 per month for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter, which will entitle the consumer to 400 cubic feet of water or less. Both the quantity rates and the minimum charges for larger than 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter sizes proposed for metered service have been revised downward slightly, in the blocks subsequent to the minimum rate or charge, in order to bring the schedules more nearly into conformity with those of nearby water systems of comparable scope. The proposed rates, as adjusted and as shown in Appendix A attached to the following order, are hereby found to be reasonable in view of the present development of the system and applicant will be authorized to place said rates in effect.

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.

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 applicant in Kenwood Village Subdivision, Sonoma County, California, within the area set forth in a map marked Exhibit "B" attached to the application in this proceeding; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to W. D. Brown 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 with this Commission, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, in conformity with the provisions of General Order No. 96, a schedule of rates attached hereto as

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Appendix A, together with rules and regulations and four copies of a tariff service area map and, on not less than five days' notice to the public and this Commission, to make said rates, rules and regulations effective for all water service rendered on and after January 8, 1954.

- (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 100 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the various tracts of land and territory served, the principal water production, storage and distribution facilities, 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 13th day of November, 1953.

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President
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Commissioners

APPENDIX A
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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

In the unincorporated area known as Kenwood Village, immediately north of Kenwood, Sonoma County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per Meter per Month
First 400 cu.ft. or less	\$ 1.90
Next 1,600 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft:40
Next 13,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft:30
Over 15,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft:20
Minimum Charge:	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 1.90
For 3/4-inch meter	2.75
For 1-inch meter	4.50
For 1-1/2-inch meter	8.75
For 2-inch meter	12.50

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

Schedule No. 2

FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service rendered on a flat rate basis.

TERRITORY

In the unincorporated area known as Kenwood Village, immediately north of Kenwood, Sonoma County.

RATE

	<u>Per Month</u>
For each 3/4-inch service connection	\$2.25

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All service not covered by the above classification will be furnished only on a metered basis.
2. Meters may be installed at option of utility or consumer for above classification, in which event service thereafter will be rendered only on the basis of Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service.