

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 49449

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of C. Wesley Bird to)
 operate a water system in Fresno)
 County, one mile north of Selma,) Application No. 34772
 California; to establish rates and)
 to solicit customers.)

C. Wesley Bird, in propria persona.
W. B. Stradley, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

C. Wesley Bird, by this application filed October 2, 1953, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing operation of a public utility water system in Khan Tract 1188, situated 1 mile north of Selma, Fresno County, and to have established a schedule of rates for such water service.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Silverhart at Fresno on December 2, 1953, at which time the application, which was not opposed, was submitted.

Applicant is the owner of Khan Tract 1188 which contains 104 lots. Two houses have been erected and a third is now being erected. Applicant estimated that the number of houses may reach 60.

A 142-foot deep, 12-inch well, equipped with a 25-hp electric motor and turbine pump is located on a portion of a lot reserved for industrial uses. The well as now equipped will produce 557 gallons per minute against a delivery head of 97.7 feet. Water will be delivered into a 6,000-gallon pressure tank from which it will be conveyed to consumers by means of the distribution system.

Applicant stated the cost of the facilities now installed is \$6,900, has been fully paid and that costs of any additions will be met in cash.

The record indicates that a county franchise is not required. It appears that there is no other public water supply available to serve the proposed area.

Applicant proposes a flat rate of approximately \$3 to \$4 per month, quantity rates commencing at \$2 for the first 900 cubic feet of water or less and a minimum charge commencing at \$2 for a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter. The rates set forth in Appendix A attached to the following order are hereby found to be reasonable and will be authorized.

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 the area known as Khan Tract No. 1188, Fresno County, California, as delineated in a map attached to the application; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to C. Wesley Bird to construct and operate a public

utility water system to be known as Wesmilton Water System for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinbefore described.

2. 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 authorization herein granted will expire if not exercised within one year from the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of December, 1953.

A. E. Anderson
President
Justice J. C. ...
Wm. H. ...
John E. ...
James ...
Commissioners

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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

In the unincorporated area known as Khan Tract No. 1188, 1 mile north of the City of Selma, Fresno County.

RATES

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
Quantity Rates:	
First 900 cu.ft. or less	\$ 2.00
Next 1,600 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.18
Next 7,500 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.12
Over 10,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.07
Minimum Charge:	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 2.00
For 3/4-inch meter	2.50
For 1-inch meter	3.50
For 1 1/2-inch meter	5.00
For 2-inch meter	7.50
For 3-inch meter	15.00
For 4-inch meter	25.00

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

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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 Khan Tract No. 1188, 1 mile north of the City of Selma, Fresno County.

RATES

Per Month

For each 3/4-inch service connection \$3.50

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.