

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 50255

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of Monson's, Inc., to operate  
a water system in the San Joaquin  
Valley, in the County of Fresno;  
and to establish rates, under  
Section 1001 of the Public Utilities  
Code.

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) Application No. 33769  
) (Amended)  
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Thompson & Thompson, by Herbert Herrington,  
for applicant; W. B. Stradley, for the  
Commission's staff

O P I N I O NNature of Proceeding and Public Hearing

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The amended application of Monson's, Inc., a California corporation, seeks authority to construct and operate a public utility water system in Greenfield Village, Tract No. 1272, Fresno County, comprising some 51 residential lots and a 5-acre parcel set aside for commercial establishments. The tract is located about three miles southeast of the City of Fresno.

Public hearing was held May 25, 1954 at Fresno before Examiner Gregory, at which time the application, which was unopposed, was submitted for decision.

Description of System and Proposed Rates

The source of water for the system presently consists of a 10-inch well, 120 feet deep, equipped with a 7½-hp electric motor and a deep-well turbine pump. The water from this well discharges into a 1,500-gallon pressure tank, set to maintain a pressure of approximately 30 pounds per square inch in the distribution system

<sup>1/</sup> The application was originally filed in 1952, but was voluntarily dismissed (Dec. No. 47887, Nov. 3, 1952.). On applicant's petition, the dismissal was vacated and the amended application was filed. (Dec. No. 49993, May 4, 1954.).

which, when completed, will comprise approximately 860 feet of 6-inch and 3,050 feet of 4-inch, 10-gauge, dipped and wrapped steel pipe. Applicant has an additional lot available for installation of another well, pump and pressure tank to provide for future growth in the area. No homes or commercial establishments have as yet been constructed in the tract, which comprises about 25 acres of land and has been sold by applicant to Me-Hi Land Company, a copartnership, for the sum of \$60,000. There are no other public utility water systems presently operating in the vicinity of the proposed system.

Costs of installation of the present and proposed facilities are as follows:

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| Presently installed well and pumping facilities | - \$2,581.66    |
| Distribution System to be installed             | - 4,716.50      |
| Future well and pumping equipment               | - 2,936.00      |
| Land for future well                            | - <u>150.00</u> |
|   | \$10,384.16     |

Applicant's rate proposals, as amended at the hearing, provide for a monthly flat rate of \$3.75 for a single dwelling, limited to premises not in excess of 8000 square feet. The average size of lots in the tract, however, is approximately 15,000 square feet. Application of the proposed rate would result in a monthly charge of \$7.25, which in our opinion is excessive for a system of this scope. The basic rate and area allowance, consequently, have been adjusted to produce a monthly charge of \$4.00, which is more nearly comparable to that prevailing in other systems in the same general area. The proposed rates, as adjusted, are set forth in the schedule attached hereto as Appendix A.

Applicant has represented that no county franchises are necessary for the proposed installations and that it has adequate financial resources with which to complete the project.

We conclude that applicant should be granted a certificate.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity 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 Monson's, Inc., a corporation, in Greenfield Village Tract No. 1272, Fresno County, California, as that tract is delineated upon a plat annexed to the amended application herein, marked Exhibit B thereof; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Monson's, Inc., a corporation, to construct and operate a public utility system for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinbefore described.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to file the rates set forth in Appendix A attached to this order to be effective on or before the date service is first rendered to the public, together with rules and tariff service area map acceptable to this Commission and in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 96.
2. Applicant shall notify this Commission in writing of the completion of the system for which this certificate is granted, within thirty days thereafter.

- 3. Applicant shall 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; the principal water production, storage and distribution facilities; and the location of the various properties of applicant.
- 4. Within sixty days after the date when the system has been constructed and is placed in operation under the rates and rules and regulations authorized herein, applicant shall file with this Commission a copy of each and every journal or other entry used to record the original, installed cost of the major items of property constructed as parts of the system devoted to rendering service to the public. All important acquisitions or installations made within a period of one year from the effective date hereof, shall likewise be reported within sixty days after their completion.

The authorization herein granted will expire 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 6th day of July, 1954.

John E. Mitchell  
 President  
James J. Cannon  
Herbert F. Pitt  
Gene Higgins

Commissioners

APPENDIX A  
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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Greenfield Village Tract No. 1272, located immediately northeast of the intersection of Jensen and Clovis Avenues, approximately 3 miles southeast of the City of Fresno, Fresno County.

RATES

|  | <u>Per 3/4-Inch<br/>Service Connection<br/>per Month</u> |
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| 1. For each single family residence including premises not exceeding 15,000 square feet in area .....  | \$4.00   |
| a. For each additional residential unit, including trailer or tent when used as a residence, served from the same service connection .....     | 1.00   |
| b. For each additional 100 square feet of area of premises in excess of 15,000 square feet .....   | .05  |
| 2. For each store, market or office .....  | 3.50   |
| 3. For each gasoline service station .....   | 4.50   |
| 4. For each noncirculating type evaporative cooler, in addition to regular flat rates, during months of June, July, August and September ..... | .50  |