

Decision No. 51517**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 WASHINGTON WATER AND LIGHT COMPANY, )  
 a corporation, for an order author- )  
 izing an increase in rates for water ) Application No. 35787  
 service rendered in and adjoining )  
 the unincorporated communities of )  
 Broderick, Bryte and West Sacramento, )  
 Yolo County, California. )

OPINION AND ORDER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 51417

Decision No. 51417, issued May 3, 1955, authorized the increase of rates for water service by new tariffs to become effective on June 1, 1955. A Petition for Modification of Order in Decision No. 51417, filed on May 18, 1955, estimated that it would cost \$38,050 to install the meters which Decision No. 51417 ordered to be installed within a ninety-day period. Because of the financial situation of the applicant, it was requested that the ninety-day period be extended to ten years, and, to provide a proper schedule of rates and charges during the intervening time, that the residential flat rate schedule authorized be modified to include motels, commercial and industrial establishments, and schools on a flat rate basis.

The Commission is satisfied on the record that ninety days is an unreasonably short time for applicant to finance and install meters involving an expenditure of approximately \$38,000. Furthermore, a return on the capital investment represented by the metering requirement does not appear to have been taken into account in the establishment of the authorized rates. In fact, there is little in the record in support of an extensive metering program at this time when considered in the light of the cost and subsequent effect on the rates for service to customers. Therefore, the order will be modified to remove the requirement that meters be installed within a stated period.

The removal of the metering requirement necessitates the establishment of a general schedule of flat rates. Applicant alleges that its proposed flat rates are intended to result in charges not greater than would result from the application of the meter rates authorized for comparable service. However, should any customer be of the opinion that increased charges would result from the proposed flat rates, a meter may be applied for as provided in the flat rate tariff schedule. In such cases, the utility will be obligated to install meters without undue delay. Therefore, Schedule No. 2, Residential Flat Rate Service (Page 2 of Appendix A in Decision No. 51417), will be amended to apply to all classes of flat rate service and the rates requested in the petition for these classes will be authorized.

Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the ORDER in Decision No. 51417 be, and it hereby is, modified in the following respects:

1. APPENDIX A to said Order is modified by deleting Schedule No. 2 therefrom, entitled "Residential Flat Rate Service", and by substituting therefor APPENDIX B, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. Ordering paragraph No. 4 on page 7 is deleted in its entirety.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to file with the Commission its tariffs of rates and charges in conformity with this order on May 31, 1955, to become effective upon one day's notice.

The effective date of the order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1955.

John E. Mitchell  
President  
Paul G. ...  
W. H. ...  
...  
Commissioners

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Schedule No. 2

GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The unincorporated communities of Broderick, Bryte and West Sacramento, and vicinity, Yolo County.

RATES

	<u>Per Service Connection</u> <u>Per Month</u>
1. Residential Service.	
For each single family residence served through a 3/4-inch service connection including a lot having an area of:	
8,000 sq. ft. or less . . . . .	\$2.35
8,001 to 8,500 sq. ft. . . . .	2.45
8,501 to 9,000 sq. ft. . . . .	2.55
9,001 to 9,500 sq. ft. . . . .	2.65
9,501 to 10,000 sq. ft. . . . .	2.75
10,001 to 11,000 sq. ft. . . . .	2.95
11,001 to 12,000 sq. ft. . . . .	3.15
12,001 to 13,000 sq. ft. . . . .	3.35
13,001 to 14,000 sq. ft. . . . .	3.55
14,001 to 15,000 sq. ft. . . . .	3.75
Over 15,000 sq. ft., for each additional 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof . . . . .	0.15
For each additional residential unit on the same lot and served through the same service connection . . . . .	1.50
In addition, when a 1-inch service connection is provided in lieu of the above indicated 3/4-inch service connection . . . . .	1.50

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RATES - Continued

Per Service Connection  
Per Month

2. Motel Service.

For motels, auto courts and trailer courts including office and manager's living quarters, central bath, utility room and irrigation of adjacent lawn and garden area . . . . . \$ 4.00

In addition, for each motel or trailer unit including use of water for kitchen or bath and irrigation of adjacent lawn and garden area . . . . . 1.40

3. Commercial, Other than Residential and Motel, and Industrial Service, Including Schools.

For each 3/4-inch service connection . . .	3.50
For each 1-inch service connection . . .	5.00
For each 1 1/2-inch service connection . . .	7.50
For each 2-inch service connection . . .	12.00
For each 3-inch service connection . . .	18.00
For each 4-inch service connection . . .	30.00
For each 6-inch service connection . . .	55.00

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All services not covered by the above classifications will be furnished only on a metered basis.

2. A meter may be installed at option of utility or customer for above classifications in which event service thereafter will be furnished only on the basis of Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service.