

ORIGINALDecision No. 52572

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 FAY ROWLAND, dba ROWLAND WATER CO.,)
 a private owned company, for a)
 Certificate of Public Convenience)
 and Necessity to Operate a Public)
 Utility Water System and to Establish) Application No. 37199
 Rates for Water Service in an Unin-)
 corporated Area West of the City of)
 Porterville, California, known as)
 Tract No. 213.)

Fay Rowland in propria persona for applicant.
W. B. Stradley for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

This application was filed on August 10, 1955, and a public hearing was held before Examiner John Power on October 25, 1955, at Porterville. At that hearing the applicant appeared in his own behalf and an engineer from the Commission's Hydraulic Section assisted in developing the record. Evidence was presented by applicant showing that proper notice had been given as required by the Commission.

The proposed utility will serve a tract designated as Village Gardens Tract No. 213^{1/2} of Tulare County. The tract will ultimately consist of 118 lots, comprising 36 acres in area. It is approximately four miles west of the nearest Porterville city limit. About 48 lots were graded and ready for building at the time of the hearing. Entrance to the subdivision is gained from Olive Street, on the southerly side of the tract.

A water system has been installed to serve the lots now ready for occupancy. The well, located on an easement, 25 feet by 25 feet, is in the southerly part of the system. It is 142 feet deep and ten-inch casing has been installed. The pump, operated by a 15-horsepower motor, discharges water into a 2000-gallon pressure tank

^{1/2} A subdivision of the west 701.25 feet of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, Township 21S, Range 27E, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian.

and from that into the mains. Applicant testified that the well is now producing approximately 450 gallons per minute. There is another well on the subdivision, now used for crop irrigation, which can be connected to the system if needed. The mains are four and one-half-inch diameter throughout most of the system with a small footage of six-inch pipe near the well and pressure tank. A one-inch service connection will be provided for each lot in the subdivision.

The cost of that portion of the system now installed is slightly in excess of \$7,000. All of this has been paid in cash. Future extensions will be financed either in the same way or by bank loans. A balance sheet of applicant, attached to the application, reveals that he has assets sufficient to complete and operate the system.

Applicant amended his rate proposals at the hearing. As amended they include a flat rate of \$3.50 per month for service furnished through a one-inch service connection, for a lot with an area of 10,000 square feet or less. Monthly flat rate charges of twenty-five cents for each circulating-type, evaporative, air cooler and seventy-five cents for the noncirculating type of cooler were proposed by applicant. A rate of \$1.50 per month per fire hydrant was also proposed. These rates seem reasonable and will be authorized. The remaining rates proposed were not fully consistent with the basic flat rate. Applicant testified that he was willing to have the Commission staff develop more consistent rates. This will be done.

Applicant testified that the County of Tulare does not require water utilities to obtain franchises. The necessary easement for the well lot and for laying mains in the streets and alleys of Village Gardens has been delivered to applicant. The County Department of Public Health has inspected the water supply and has taken no exception to it. There is no public utility, publicly owned or

mutual water system close to Village Gardens or which could conveniently serve this tract.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that the sought authority be granted. It further finds that the rates set forth in Appendix "A" attached hereto are fair and reasonable.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in and by the following order 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 for any amount of money in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State as 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 ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted Fay Rowland, doing business as Rowland Water Company, to construct and operate a public utility system for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinbefore described.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1. Applicant is authorized to file after the effective date of this order 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 including provision for bimonthly billing and tariff service area map acceptable to this Commission and in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 96. Such rates, rules and tariff service area map shall become effective on five days' notice to the Commission and the public after filing as hereinabove provided.

2. Applicant shall notify this Commission, in writing, of the date service is first rendered to the public under the rates and rules authorized herein, within ten 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 water system properties of applicant.
4. Applicant shall base the accruals to depreciation upon spreading the original cost of the plant, less estimated net salvage and depreciation reserve, over the estimated remaining life of the property; applicant shall review the accruals when major changes in plant composition occur and for each plant account at intervals of not more than five years. Results of these reviews shall be submitted to this Commission.

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 7th day of February, 1956.

[Signature]
President

[Signature]

[Signature]

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Commissioners

Commissioner Rex Hardy, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service. —

TERRITORY

The unincorporated subdivision known as Valley Gardens, Tract No. 213, and vicinity, situated adjacent to West Olive Avenue approximately 5 miles west of Porterville, Tulare County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	Per Meter per Month
First 1,000 cu.ft. or less	\$ 3.00
Next 2,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.20
Next 2,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.18
Next 5,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.15
Over 10,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.12
 Minimum Charge:	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	3.00
For 3/4-inch meter	4.00
For 1-inch meter	6.00
For 1½-inch meter	11.00
For 2-inch meter	16.00

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

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Schedule No. 2R

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all water service furnished to residential customers on a flat rate basis.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated subdivision known as Valley Gardens, Tract No. 213, and vicinity, situated adjacent to West Olive Avenue approximately 5 miles west of Porterville, Tulare County.

RATES

	<u>Per Service Connection per Month</u>
For each single family residence including premises not exceeding 10,000 sq.ft.in area	\$3.50
a. For each 100 sq.ft. of area in excess of 10,000 sq.ft.03
b. For each evaporative type cooler, in addition to regular flat rates, during the months of June, July, August and September:	
Noncirculating type75
Circulating type25

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All service not covered by the above classification will be furnished only on a metered basis.
2. Charges for air coolers will apply as provided in the above schedule except in those cases where the customer notifies the utility, in writing, which months during the above period any air cooler will not be in service, and providing that such unit is disconnected during said months subject to inspection by utility representative.
3. Meters may be installed at option of utility or customer for above classification in which event service thereafter will be rendered only on the basis of Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service.

Schedule No. 5

FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to fire hydrant service furnished to duly organized or incorporated fire districts or other political subdivisions of the State.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated subdivision known as Valley Gardens, Tract No. 213, and vicinity, situated adjacent to West Olive Avenue approximately 5 miles west of Porterville, Tulare County.

RATE

	<u>Per Month</u>
For each hydrant	\$1.50

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The cost of the installation and maintenance of hydrants will be borne by the utility.
2. The utility will supply only such water at such pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of its normal operation of its water system.