

ORIGINALDecision No. 52928

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 J. F. Gowdy, dba Kaweah Water Company,)
 for a certificate of public conven-)
 ience and necessity to operate a public) Application No. 37693
 utility water system and to establish)
 rates for water service in an unincor-)
 porated area adjoining the City of)
 Visalia, California, known as Tract)
 No. 214.)

J. F. Gowdy, in propria persona, for applicant.
W. B. Stradley, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

This application was filed on January 26, 1956. Public hearing was held before Examiner Power at Visalia on April 3, 1956. Applicant and the contractor who installed the system testified in support of the application. An engineer from the Commission's staff assisted in developing the record.

Applicant testified that his wife, Esther Gowdy, has an interest in Kaweah Water Company and requested that her name appear in the grant of a certificate. This will be done.

A certificate is requested for an area consisting of approximately 20 acres, located about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of the corporate limits of the City of Visalia adjacent to Fourth Avenue West, near Highway No. 198. This area has been subdivided into 47 residential lots which average about 12,000 square feet in area. The subdivision is identified as Tract No. 214, Tulare County. It is located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, T18S, R24E, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian.

At the present time there is no public utility water service available in this immediate area. There is a small public utility system serving approximately one mile to the northeast.

California Water Service Company's Visalia district serves within 1½ miles to the east. There is a mutual company whose system approaches to a point 1/4 mile from the subdivision.

Description of System

The water supply for this system will be obtained from a well equipped with a 20-hp electrically driven deep-well turbine pump capable of producing an estimated 565 gallons of water per minute against 40 pounds' system pressure. A hydropneumatic pressure tank of 2,000-gallon capacity will be situated at the well.

The distribution system will consist of about 3,140 feet of 4-inch diameter dipped and wrapped 10-gauge steel pipe. Service connections will be 1 inch in diameter. Applicant indicates the cost of the proposed facilities to be as follows:

Land at well site, estimated	\$ 750.00
Well, 10-inch diameter, 150 feet deep ...	685.85
Pump and pressure tank, installed	3,302.92
3,140 feet, 4-inch, 10-gauge D&W main, 47 1-inch service connections, fire hydrants	5,191.23
	<u>\$9,930.00</u>

Rates

Applicant has requested a basic flat rate charge of \$3.50 with an additional charge for each 100 square feet of area in excess of 7,500 square feet and extra charges for water coolers during a 5-month summer period. Applicant intends to furnish water on a flat rate basis; however, meter rates have also been requested.

The following order will adopt a basic flat rate of \$3.50 per month applicable to a lot of 12,000 square feet, which is near the average lot size in Tract No. 214. The remaining rates, including the meter rates will be adjusted to conform to the flat rate minimum.

Financos

Applicant's system has been financed by his personal funds and by a bank loan. A personal financial statement attached to the application shows that applicant has ample funds to institute and carry on the proposed service.

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 J. F. Gowdy and Esther Gowdy, doing business as Kaweah 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 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 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 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 24th day of April, 1956.

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 President
Justus J. Adams
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 Commissioners

APPENDIX A
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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Tract No. 214 located in an unincorporated area immediately northwest of the intersection of Fourth Avenue West and Myrtle Avenue, approximately 1-1/2 miles west of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATES

	<u>Per Meter per Month</u>
Quantity Rates:	
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 3,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.....	.15
Over 8,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.....	.12
Minimum Charge:	
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 3.00
For 3/4-inch meter	3.50
For 1-inch meter	4.50
For 1-1/2-inch meter	7.00
For 2-inch meter	10.00

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

Schedule No. 2R

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

Tract No. 214 located in an unincorporated area immediately northwest of the intersection of Fourth Avenue West and Myrtle Avenue, approximately 1-1/2 miles west of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATES

	<u>Per Service Connection per Month</u>
For each single family residence, including premises not exceeding 12,000 sq.ft. in area	\$3.50
a. In addition, for each 100 sq.ft. of area of premises in excess of 12,000 sq.ft....	.03
b. In addition, for each evaporative-type air cooler during the five-month period May through September, inclusive:	
Water recirculating type25
Water wasting type50

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The above residential flat rate charges apply to service connections not larger than one inch in diameter.
2. All service not covered by the above classification will be furnished only on a metered basis.
3. 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 representatives.
4. 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

PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

Tract No. 214 located in an unincorporated area immediately northwest of the intersection of Fourth Avenue West and Myrtle Avenue, approximately 1-1/2 miles west of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATE

	<u>Per Month</u>
For each wharf type or steamer type hydrant	\$1.50

SPECIAL CONDITION

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 the system.