

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 54275

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 F. H. WALKER and ANNA L. WALKER, do- )  
 ing business as MEADOWBROOK WATER )      Application No. 38374  
 CO., to construct and operate a )      amended  
 water system and to establish rates. )

H. C. George, for applicants;  
W. Ben Stradley, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

F. H. Walker and Anna L. Walker, doing business as Meadowbrook Water Co., request a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system in subdivisions known as Meadowbrook Tract, Meadowbrook Tract Addition No. 1, and Meadowbrook Tract Addition No. 2, located approximately 1½ miles northwest of the City of Merced.

A public hearing was held, after due notice, at Merced on November 6, 1956, before Examiner Daly. No appearance was made in protest to the authority sought.

The property which applicants propose to serve is more specifically set forth on a map attached to the application as Exhibit A. The tracts have been divided into approximately 300 lots. Service is to be provided through the facilities of one 14-inch cased well equipped with one 20-horsepower motor and pump and a 4,500-gallon pressure tank. The well is capable of delivering 600 gallons per minute. If and when necessary, a larger pump would be installed and another well dug. The distribution system consists of approximately 404 feet of 8-inch main, 1,500 feet of 6-inch main and 2,550 feet of 4-inch main. The nearest water service is that which

is offered by Crocker-Huffman Land and Water Company located about a mile from the proposed area.

The cost of installing the initial system is estimated at \$22,650. The estimated cost of another pressure tank, of 7,500 gallons capacity, and an additional 2,056 feet of 6-inch main and 3,891 feet of 4-inch main is \$18,843, making an estimated total of \$41,493. Applicants indicate a net worth of \$827,947.70 as of June 11, 1956, and will personally finance the cost of installation.

Applicants propose a flat rate of \$4 per month for all premises not exceeding 10,000 square feet in area and 3 cents per 100 square feet in excess thereof. Applicants also propose meter rates. A schedule of meter rates different than those proposed by applicants will be authorized in order that these rates will be consistent with the flat rates being authorized.

After consideration the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the authority sought.

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.

O R D E R

Application having been filed and the Commission being informed in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to F. H. Walker and Anna L. Walker, doing business as Meadowbrook Water Co., to construct and operate a public utility water system for the distribution and sale of water within the area set forth on the map attached to the application as Exhibit A.

2. That 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 first rendered to the public under the authority herein granted, 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 to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.
- b. File within forty days after the effective date of this order, four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale not smaller than 400 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.
- c. Base the accruals for depreciation upon spreading the original cost of the plant, less estimated net salvage and depreciation reserve, over the estimated remaining life of the property. Applicants 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 the 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1956.

[Signature]  
President

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Commissioners

APPENDIX A  
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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Meadowbrook Tract, including additions Nos. 1 and 2, located approximately 1½ miles northwest of the City of Merced, Merced County.

RATES

Quantity Rates:	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>
First 1,000 cu.ft. or less .....	\$ 3.50
Next 2,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft. ....	.30
Next 7,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft. ....	.25
Next 10,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft. ....	.20
Over 20,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft. ....	.15

Minimum Charge:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter .....	\$ 3.50
For 3/4-inch meter .....	5.00
For 1-inch meter .....	8.00
For 1½-inch meter .....	12.00
For 2-inch meter .....	22.00
For 3-inch meter .....	40.00

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

SPECIAL CONDITION

Customers whose requirements may overburden the water system, may require unreasonable investment in additional facilities, or may interfere with the supply to the existing customers will not be supplied water service under this schedule. In such cases a special contract will be required under such terms as the conditions warrant, subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

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Schedule No. 2R

RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Meadowbrook Tract, including additions Nos. 1 and 2, located approximately 1 1/2 miles northwest of the City of Merced, Merced County.

RATES

	<u>Per Service Connection Per Month</u>
For each single family residence, including premises not exceeding 10,000 sq.ft. in area	\$4.00
a. For each additional residence on the same premises and served from the same service connection .....	2.00
b. For each 100 sq.ft. of area in excess of 10,000 sq.ft. ....	.03

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. A meter may be installed at option of utility or customer for above classification in which event service thereafter will be furnished only on the basis of Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service. When a meter is installed at option of customer, Metered service must be continued for at least 12 months before service will again be furnished at flat rates.