

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 54892

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Application of TAHOE SOUTHSIDE WATER)	
UTILITY, a corporation, for order)	
authorizing the abandonment of)	Application No. 38414
Schedule No. 2 of the rates of said)	
utility, the said Schedule No. 2)	
pertaining to optional metered service.))	

Sherman C. Wilkie, for Tahoe Southside Water
Utility, applicant.
S. D. Crawford, for himself, protestant.
Wilbur Carl Anderberg, for himself, protestant.
Robert C. Moeck, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

In the above-entitled application, Tahoe Southside Water Utility, a public utility water company, is requesting authority to amend its tariff schedules as filed with the Commission so as to cancel therefrom its rates for metered service.

Public hearings were held on the application on October 10, 1956, at Lake Tahoe before Commissioner Ray E. Untereiner and Examiner John Rowe, and on January 16, 1957, at San Francisco before Commissioner Untereiner and Examiner William L. Cole.

At the present time applicant's tariff schedules include both flat rates and meter rates. A special condition contained in applicant's rate schedule for metered service provides that a meter may be installed at the option of either the utility or the customer.

The testimony adduced at the hearings indicated that applicant's tariffs relating to meter rates have been in effect for a considerable number of years, that no meters had been installed to the date of the first hearing, and that two or possibly three requests for metered service had been made to

applicant, the first such request having been made on July 17, 1956. The testimony also indicated that because of the cold winters occurring in the territory served by applicant, considerable additional cost would be incurred in the installation and maintenance of meters over and above normal costs for such installation and maintenance in areas where climatic conditions are not so severe. While such additional costs must be borne by the utility, they would eventually result in increased rates to the utility customers.

Several protestants entered appearances at the time of the original hearing. These protestants did not introduce any evidence of an affirmative nature relative to the costs of installation and maintenance of meters in the area served by applicant.

In view of the foregoing facts, the Commission finds that it is not adverse to the public interest to grant applicant's request for authority to cancel its meter rates.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled matter and the Commission being fully informed therein, now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

That metered water service heretofore offered by Tahoe Southside Water Utility shall be terminated on the effective date of this order and thereupon the tariff schedule applicable to

such service, Schedule No. 2, Metered Service, Seasonal Basis, now on file with this Commission, will cease to be in effect and will thereafter be withdrawn.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of April, 1957.

Commissioner C. Lyn Fox being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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

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Commissioners