

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 56722

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 Clyde D. & Grace A. Stewart, a privately)
 owned company, for a Certificate of)
 Public Convenience and Necessity to)
 Operate a Public Utility Water System) Application No. 39580
 and to Establish Rates for Water Service)
 in an Unincorporated Area West of Visalia,)
 California, known as Stewart Tract.)

R. C. Soultz, and Clyde D. Stewart (in
 propria persona), for applicants.
W. B. Stradley, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

This application was filed November 21, 1957. Public hearing was held before Examiner John Power at Visalia on January 17, 1958. At the conclusion of the hearing the matter was submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicants seek a certificate to render water service in a ten-acre tract. The land is located a short distance west of Visalia, Tulare County in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 26, T18S, R24E, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian. It is to be divided into 27 lots, the prevailing size being 75' X 135' or 10,125 square feet.

Applicants propose to construct a system having the following listed components. First, an 8" diameter well 120 feet deep; second, a deep well turbine pump driven by a 5 hp. electric motor; third, a 2,000 gallon pressure tank. The distribution

facilities will include 1,640 feet of 4 inch, 12 gauge dipped and wrapped steel pipe for the mains with 27 one-inch service connections. There will be two fire hydrants.

The proposal includes both flat and measured rates. A basic flat rate of \$4.00 per service connection per month with no extra charge for air conditioning units is requested. A swimming pool rate was proposed in the application but withdrawn at the hearing. The rate proposal will be approved with one exception. The application proposes that the rate should apply to lots of 9,000 square feet, or less. The Commission will make the rate applicable to lots of 10,500 square feet, or less.

With respect to water supply requirements for the entire subdivision the proposals of the applicants do not fully meet the requirements of General Order No. 103. According to applicants' witness, the 5 hp. pump will produce about 135 gallons per minute against the minimum system pressure of 30 pounds per square inch. This well now exists and it has the 5 hp. motor installed to pump water for agricultural use. Applicants have another well nearby for which two pumps of 1½ and 1 hp., respectively, are available. This can be used as a standby supply producing up to 50 gallons per minute. Customers will be limited to fifteen until the system is capable of delivering, from all sources, not less than 275 gallons of water per minute.

The Commission finds and concludes that public convenience and necessity require that the certificate requested in this application be granted and that the rates attached as an appendix to the

following order are fair and reasonable. The certificate granted 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:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Clyde D. & Grace A. Stewart, doing business as Stewart Water Service, to construct and operate a public utility water system for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinbefore described.
2. a. That applicants shall not extend service to more than 15 customers until the water system is capable of delivering not less than 275 gallons of water per minute.
- b. That applicants shall notify the Commission in writing within 10 days after making any major changes in its source of supply, together with a brief description of the facilities installed, including such items as the size and depth of well developed, quantity of water obtainable therefrom, the size in horsepower of pumping unit installed and capacity in gallons per minute against distribution system pressure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1. a. Applicants are 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 furnished 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 to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.
- b. Applicants shall notify this Commission, in writing, of the date service is first furnished to the public under the rates and rules authorized herein, within ten days thereafter.
- c. Applicants shall file within forty days after the system is placed in operation under the rates and rules authorized herein four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale not smaller than 100 feet to the inch, delineating by appropriate markings the 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.
- d. Applicants shall determine the accruals for depreciation by dividing the original cost of the utility plant less estimated future net salvage less depreciation reserve by the estimated remaining life of the plant. Applicants shall review the accruals as of January first of the year following the date service is first rendered to the public under the rates and rules authorized herein and thereafter when major changes in utility plant composition occur and at intervals of not more than five years. Results of these reviews shall be submitted to this Commission.
- e. If the authorization herein granted is exercised, applicants shall procure and dedicate to water

utility purposes the lot or area on which the well, pump and tank are to be located and easements or permits where pipeline mains are to be located in lots, other than in public streets and shall file, within thirty days after the system is first placed in operation under the rates and rules authorized herein, one copy of each appropriate document showing such procurement, dedication, easement or permit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Application No. 39580, except as specifically granted herein, be, and it is, denied without prejudice.

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 11th day of MARCH, 1958.

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President
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Commissioners

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Schedule No. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area consisting of about 10 acres located immediately northeast of the intersection of Grand Avenue and Sixth Avenue West, approximately 1½ miles west of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATES

Per Meter
Per Month

Quantity Rates:

First	1,000 cu. ft. or less	\$ 3.25
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	\$ 3.25
For	3/4-inch meter	4.25
For	1-inch meter	6.50
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 residential water service furnished on a flat rate basis.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area consisting of about 10 acres located immediately northeast of the intersection of Grand Avenue and Sixth Avenue West, approximately 1½ miles west of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATES

Per Service Connection
Per Month

For a single family residence, including premises not exceeding 10,500 sq. ft. in area ..	\$ 4.00
For each 100 sq. ft. of area in excess of 10,500 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.