

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57949

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 WESLEY A. TRAEGER and SARRAH TRAEGER,
 dba, RIO VISTA WATER COMPANY, a
 privately owned company, for a
 Certificate of Public Convenience and
 Necessity to Operate a Public Utility
 Water System and to Establish Rates
 for Water Service in an Unincorporated
 Area South and East of the City of
 Porterville, California, known as
 Tract No. 283, as set forth in Section
 1001 of the Public Utilities Code.

Application No. 40429

R. C. Soultz and W. A. Traeger, for applicants.

W. B. Stradley, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

This application was filed on September 12, 1958. Public hearing was held before Examiner John Power at Porterville on November 7, 1958. At the conclusion of this hearing the matter was submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicants seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity to supply water in an area of approximately 20 acres about 2-1/2 miles southeast of Porterville in Tulare County. The eastern half of this property has been platted and designated as Tract No. 283, Tulare County. Each half consists, or will consist, of 22 lots averaging approximately 9,600 square feet in area. There are no public utility water systems close by. The City of Porterville's municipal system is about a mile distant at the nearest point.

Applicants propose a system for the first 22 lots only, at this time. It consists of 2,000 feet of 4-inch-diameter, asbestos

cement pipe with 1-inch services and two fire hydrants. A 10-inch well has been drilled to a depth of 110 feet. Water will be delivered to a 2,000-gallon pressure tank by a deep well turbine pump driven by a 15 hp. motor. Pressure range at the tank is set for 35 to 55 pounds per square inch and is expected to vary from 25 to 45 pounds at the service connections. The supply is estimated at 420 gallons per minute to the system as proposed. An additional well, not now in use, can be put into standby service by the installation of a 5 hp. pump at a cost of approximately \$1,000. Applicants will be required to provide standby facilities to assure continuity of water supply during periods when their single source of supply is not operable.

Applicants propose rates based on a minimum flat rate of \$4.00 per service per month where lot size does not exceed 10,000 square feet. Where it does, a charge of \$0.03 per 100 sq. ft. for the excess over 10,000 sq. ft. is requested. A schedule of rates for metered service is also proposed. The proposed rate structure is similar to the rates and charges of comparable water utilities in this part of the San Joaquin Valley.

The Commission finds and concludes that public convenience and necessity require the proposed service and that the rates attached to the following order are reasonable.

The certificate 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 to Wesley A. Traeger and Sarrah Traeger to construct and operate a public utility system for the distribution and sale of water in Tract No. 283, an unincorporated area in Tulare County shown on a map, Exhibit No. 3, in evidence herein. (Applicants shall not extend their water system outside the boundaries of the area certificated herein without further order of the Commission.

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 has been 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 tract of land and territory served; the principal water production, storage and distribution facilities; and the location of the various water system properties of applicants.
- (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 1st 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.

2. If the authority herein granted is exercised, applicants shall, within ninety days thereafter, provide standby facilities to assure continuity of water supply and shall furnish the Commission in writing with a complete description of such facilities within ten days after so providing.

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 3rd day of February, 1959.

E. L. Fox
President
W. H. [unclear]
Matthew [unclear]
Theodore [unclear]
Commissioners

APPENDIX A
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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Tract No. 283, and vicinity, located approximately 2½ miles southeasterly of the City of Porterville, 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 known as Tract No. 283, and vicinity, located approximately 2½ miles southeasterly of the City of Porterville, Tulare County.

RATES

| | Per Service Connection Per Month |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| For a single family residence, including premises not exceeding 10,000 sq.ft. in area ... | \$4.00 |
| a. 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 1 inch in diameter.
2. All service not covered by the above classification will be furnished only on a metered basis.
3. Meters 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.