

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 59728

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 Glen D. Crumal and Anthony Coppola, )  
 dba BUHL WATER SYSTEM, 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 west of Visalia )  
 known as Tract #249, as set forth )  
 in Section 1001 of the Public )  
 Utility Code. )

Application No. 41459

O P I N I O N

Applicants filed their application on September 2, 1959. They seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity to render water service as hereinafter noted. An engineer from the Commission's staff made a field investigation of the proposal on October 27, 1959.

The area for which a certificate is requested is located at the intersection of Chenowith Road and Walnut Avenue, approximately 3 miles southwest of the City of Visalia, Tulare County. Applicant has requested a certificate to furnish water to Tract No. 249, Tulare County. This tract lies in the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 35, Tp. 18S, Rge. 24E, Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian. This tract contains approximately 50 acres which will be subdivided into 180 residential lots each having an average area of approximately 10,000 square feet. There is no public utility water system in this immediate area. The Visalia District of California Water Service, however, furnishes water service in Visalia and adjacent areas and has a tariff service area map on file with this Commission which

shows its service area approximately one-half mile east of the area requested herein. California Water Service has indicated to the Commission by letter that it is not interested in serving Tract No. 249.

The water system to be installed in this tract will consist of approximately 5,800 feet of 6-inch and 5,100 feet of 4-inch diameter asbestos-cement pipe, laid primarily in easements, with a 1-inch diameter galvanized service connection to each individual lot within the area to be served. The water supply for this system will be from two 10-inch diameter wells, each drilled to a depth of approximately 150 feet. They will each be equipped with a 20-hp deep well turbine pump having an estimated capacity of 450 gallons apiece against the water system pressure which will be maintained by two 3,000-gallon tanks at between 35 to 50 pounds per square inch. The cost of the facilities necessary to serve the area for which the certificate is requested is estimated to be approximately \$47,500.

Applicants propose to furnish water service at a basic flat rate basis of \$4 per month to residential customers. For each additional 100 square feet of lot area in excess of 11,000 square feet a rate of 3 cents per 100 square feet has been requested. A schedule of metered rates has also been requested. The lowest monthly charge under the measured rates would be the minimum for a 5/8 by 3/4 inch meter, or \$3.25, which amount will entitle the customer to 1,000 cubic feet of water.

Applicants have not requested that rates be established for service to approximately eight fire hydrants connected to their water system. Although the system is not located within an area now served by an organized fire protection agency, a monthly rate of \$2 per hydrant will be established to apply at such time as it is arranged for such an agency to provide fire protection to this

area. In the event that a different rate should be negotiated by the utility and the serving fire protection agency, such revised rate may then be filed with this Commission in conformity with the requirements of General Order No. 96.

The system for which a certificate is requested in this application will be financed with the personal funds of applicants and no indebtedness will be incurred at this time.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds as follows:

- (1) That a public hearing is not necessary.
- (2) That public convenience and necessity require that a certificate be granted to applicants to construct and operate a public utility water system as proposed in the application.
- (3) That the rates attached to the following order are fair and reasonable.

The certificate herein granted 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, and the Commission being of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Glen D. Crumal and Anthony Coppola, doing business as Buhl Water System, 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) 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 rendered to the public under the authority herein granted, together with rules and a 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 upon five days' notice to this Commission and to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.

(2) 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.

(3) 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 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.

(4) 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 for each plant account at intervals



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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area including Tract No. 249, and vicinity, approximately 3 miles southwest of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATES

		<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>
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	1 1/2-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 including Tract No. 249, and vicinity, approximately 3 miles southwest of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATES

	<u>Per Service Connection Per Month</u>
For a single family residence, including premises not exceeding 11,000 sq. ft. in area . .	\$4.00
For each 100 sq. ft. of area in excess of 11,000 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. 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.

Schedule No. 5

PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area including Tract No. 249, and vicinity, approximately 3 miles southwest of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATE

	<u>Per Month</u>
For each hydrant . . . . .	\$2.00

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. For water delivered for other than fire protection purposes, charges will be made at the quantity rates under Schedule No. 1, General Metered Service.
2. The cost of installation and maintenance of hydrants will be borne by the utility.
3. Relocation of any hydrant shall be at the expense of the party requesting relocation.
4. The utility will supply only such water at such pressure as may be available from time to time as the result of its normal operation of the system.