

Decision No. 61025

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
FREDERICK P. ROBINS, a privately
owned service, for a Certificate of
Public Convenience and Necessity to
operate a Public Utility Water
Service and to establish rates for
water service in an unincorporated
area west of Visalia, California.

Application No. 42388

O P I N I O N

By the above-entitled application filed June 21, 1960, Frederick P. Robins, doing business as Robins Water Service, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a public utility water system in an unincorporated subdivision in the vicinity of the City of Visalia, Tulare County. A map of the area for which a certificate is requested is attached to the application as an exhibit and designated "Sheet B".

A field investigation in connection with this application was made on August 31, 1960, by a staff engineer of the Commission, at which time the factual data submitted by applicant was verified. The results of this investigation are outlined in a memorandum dated October 19, 1960 which is hereby made a part of the record in this matter as Exhibit No. 1.

No protests regarding this application have been received by the Commission.

Service Area

The area for which a certificate is requested is located about one and one-half miles west of the City of Visalia, Tulare County. This tract is a resubdivision of a portion of Lot 52, Tract No. 2, Fulgham Highway Acres, and includes approximately 4 acres which have been subdivided into 14 residential lots having an average area of approximately 9,500 square feet. No public utility water system serves the area sought to be certificated herein.

Description of Water System

The water distribution system proposed to be installed will consist of about 500 feet of 4-inch diameter Class 150 asbestos-cement pipe laid primarily in a street. Water service is to be furnished to each lot through a 1-inch diameter service connection. The water for the system is to be obtained from a well which has been drilled on a lot within the tract. This well is 12 inches in diameter and it is approximately 172 feet deep. It is now equipped with 2 pumps, a 5 horsepower deep-well turbine pump capable of delivering about 85 gallons of water per minute against an average system pressure of 45 pounds per square inch, and a 3 horsepower submersible pump which will deliver 55 gallons per minute to the distribution system. Applicant's present plan calls for the eventual replacement of the deep-well turbine with a submersible pump. Applicant proposes to replace a presently installed 225-gallon hydropneumatic tank with a 1,500-gallon capacity tank as customer growth requires. A well located immediately north of the area to be served is also available for future use if required.

Applicant's estimate of the cost of the facilities necessary to serve the tract now under development is as follows:

Organization cost	\$ 250
Land	500
Well	816
Pumps	1,715
Tank	750
Distribution Mains	1,600
Service Connections	<u>300</u>
Total	\$5,931

Funds for the construction of this water system have been, and are to be, made available from applicant's own personal funds and no indebtedness is proposed to be incurred for the construction of the water system.

Rates

Applicant has requested that a flat rate of \$4.00 per month for a single family dwelling on a lot not larger than 10,000 square feet be established. Rates for metered service have not been proposed.

Findings and Conclusions

Applicant's water system facilities as constructed and as proposed appear to be adequate for furnishing water service to this tract and to meet the minimum requirements of this Commission's General Order No. 103. Further, it appears that applicant has the requisite financial ability to carry out the proposed construction and operation of the water system during the developmental period of the area requested to be served when little or no return will be realized from the proposed utility operation.

The Commission has given consideration to this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission finds and concludes that public convenience and necessity require that the requested certificate be granted. The Commission further finds and concludes that the rates set forth in the

appendix attached to this order are fair and reasonable for the service to be furnished. The certificate hereinafter 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 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 or right.

O R D E R

The above-entitled application having been filed, investigation having been made and the matter being ready for decision; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Frederick P. Robins be and he is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a public utility water system known as Robins Water Service for the distribution and sale of water in a portion of Lot 52, Tract No. 2, Fulgham Highway Acres, Tulare County, as delineated on the map attached to the application and designated "Sheet B".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to file after the effective date of this order the rates set forth in the appendix 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, 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 the Commission and to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.
2. Applicant shall notify this Commission, in writing, of the date service is first rendered to the public under the rates and rules authorized herein, within ten days thereafter.

3. Applicant shall file within thirty 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.
4. Applicant shall determine 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. Applicant shall review the accruals as of January 1 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.
5. If the authorization herein granted is exercised, applicant shall dedicate to public utility purposes the lot or land area on which the wells, pumping facilities and other related water supply facilities are located and any easements or permits where water mains are or will be located, other than in public streets, and shall file, not later than 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 dedication, easement or permit.
6. Prior to the date service is first rendered to the public under the authority herein granted, applicant shall (a) apply to the health authority having jurisdiction for a water supply permit for the proposed system, and (b) report to the Commission, in writing, within ten days thereafter that such application has been made.

The authorization herein granted will expire if not exercised within one year of the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of November, 1960.

President
[Signature]
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Theodore Deumer
 Commissioners

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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area including a portion of Lot 52, Tract No. 2, Fulgham Highway Acres, and vicinity, located approximately 2 miles west of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATES

Per Meter
Per Month

Quantity Rates:

First 800 cu.ft. or less	\$ 3.50
Next 1,200 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.25
Next 2,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.20
Over 4,000 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.15

Minimum Charge:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 3.50
For 3/4-inch meter	4.50
For 1-inch meter	7.00
For 1 1/2-inch meter	12.00
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 a portion of Lot 52, Tract No. 2, Fulham Highway Acres, and vicinity, located approximately 2 miles west of the City of Visalia, Tulare County.

RATE

	<u>Per Service Connection Per Month</u>
For a single family residence, including premises not exceeding 10,000 sq.ft. in area	\$4.00
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. 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.