

ORIGINALDecision No. 71557

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of ROSE L. ROBINSON, doing business
as the MACDOEL WATER WORKS, for an
order authorizing an increase in
rates for water service.

Application No. 48541
(Filed June 8, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Rose L. Robinson, doing business as Macdoel Water Works, who supplies water for domestic purposes to 16 customers in the unincorporated community of Macdoel, Siskiyou County, by this application seeks authority to increase water rates to a basic charge of \$5.00 per month. The present rate of \$2 per month has been in effect since 1933.

The water supply, regularly tested by the health department, is obtained from one deep well and pumped by means of a 5 horsepower motor through a 250-gallon hydropneumatic tank and a 1,000-gallon sand-settling tank into the distribution system. There have been no additions to or extensions of the system since 1949.

Each customer has been notified of the rate increase proposal. Two replies have been received by the Commission; one suggesting that the water pressure is too low and that the mains are not owned by Mrs. Robinson; the other protesting any increase in rates.

The Commission staff has investigated the matter and has filed a report respecting the same, which report is hereby received as Exhibit No. 1 in this proceeding. This report shows that present utility operations produce a loss of approximately \$545 when proper

accounting methods are used. The staff recommends that increased rates be authorized but, because of the magnitude involved, that a lesser increase would be reasonable. At the staff-suggested basic rate of \$4 per month, losses would be halted and an annual net revenue of approximately \$80 would be realized. Such rate will be authorized.

In view of the pleadings and the record before it, the Commission finds that increased rates are justified and that existing rates, insofar as they differ from those authorized herein, are for the future unjust and unreasonable. The Commission further finds that Rose L. Robinson, having taken over operation and control of the system upon the death of Teresa Naritelli, her mother, is in fact operating the system as a public utility and should continue to do so. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that Rose L. Robinson (Macdoel Water Works) is authorized and directed to continue to operate this system as a public utility and to file with this Commission, on or after the effective date of this order and in conformance with the provisions of General Order No. 96-A, the schedules of rates attached to this order as Appendix A together with a tariff service area map and rules governing customer relations revised to reflect present-day practices and, on not less than five days' notice to make said rates, map and rules effective for water service rendered on and after December 1, 1966.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall maintain proper supporting records with respect to future plant additions and retirements in accordance with the Commission's prescribed uniform system of accounts and shall also establish and maintain a separate checking account to be utilized as a basic record for recording disbursements and segregating utility expenditures which are presently commingled with the Macdoel Hotel operation. Applicant shall also maintain a basic customers' ledger as a record of revenues billed and collected.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of NOVEMBER, 1966.

Richard E. ... President

George T. ...

Fredrick B. ...

August ...

William G. ... Commissioners

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Schedule No. 1

GENERAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service.

TERRITORY

Macdoel und vicinity, Siskiyou County.

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RATES

	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>	
Quantity Rates:		
First 500 cu.ft. or less	\$ 3.00	(I)
Over 500 cu.ft., per 100 cu.ft.40	
Minimum Charge:		
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$ 3.00	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter	4.10	
For 1-inch meter	6.25	
For 1 1/2-inch meter	12.00	
For 2-inch meter	18.00	
For 3-inch meter	35.00	
For 4-inch meter	55.00	

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. 2

GENERAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate water service.

TERRITORY

Macdoel and vicinity, Siskiyou County.

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RATES

	<u>Per Service Connection Per Month</u>	
1. For a single-family residential unit, including premises not exceeding 7,500 sq.ft. in area	\$ 4.00	(I)
a. For each additional single-family residential unit on the same premises and served from the same service connection	2.00	(N)
b. For each 100 sq.ft. of premises in excess of 7,500 sq.ft.06	(N)
2. For each commercial establishment	6.00	(I)
3. For the Southern Pacific Railroad	12.50	(I)
4. For the Macdoel Hotel	12.50	(N)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The above flat rates apply to a service connection not larger than one-inch in diameter.

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2. Service not provided for above shall be furnished on a metered basis only.

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