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Decision No. 78110

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Michael J. Moore,

Complainant,

vs.

Palos Verdes Water Company,

Defendant.

Case No. 9112

(Filed September 2, 1970)

Michael John Moore, in propria
persona, complainant.
Adil S. Gandhi, for defendant.

O P I N I O N

Complainant seeks to have his water bills for May and June 1970 reduced by approximately 50 percent because, in his opinion, the bills are unreasonably high. Public hearing was held before Examiner Robert Barnett on November 19, 1970, at Los Angeles.

Complainant testified that he felt his water bills were high because in comparison with one of his neighbor's bills, he was paying almost twice as much during some months.

A comparison of complainant's bills with two of his neighbors' bills is set forth:

<u>1970</u>	<u>Complainant</u>	<u>Neighbor I</u>	<u>Neighbor II</u>
February	\$12.22	\$ 6.49	\$16.21
March	11.34	5.95	15.33
April	11.78	17.99	25.75
May	38.79	15.77	24.63
June	29.47	14.88	24.63
July	21.38	18.74	28.53
August	25.20	16.54	34.45
September	32.23	16.98	24.46
October	25.94	15.66	26.31

The water service involves a private residence on a conventional-sized lot. Complainant's family consists of himself, his wife, and two small children. He testified that he checked his water system for leaks and found no leaks. He hired a plumber to check for leaks and the plumber found no leaks.

The manager of the water company testified that in response to complainant's complaint, he checked the water meter and found nothing wrong. Nevertheless, he installed a new meter and checked that meter; nothing wrong was found. He testified that 1970 was a hot year and that water use throughout the system during March and April 1970 was approximately 50 percent above water use in 1969.

Findings of Fact

There are no water leaks on complainant's property and defendant's water meter operates properly. Complainant's water bills for May and June 1970 were reasonable.

The Commission concludes that the complaint should be dismissed.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the complaint is dismissed.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1970.

J. B. [Signature] Chairman
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William [Signature]
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