

March 29, 1916.

[cc: MILES RANCH]
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Mr. F. A. Seiberling,
c/o Goodyear Rubber Co.,
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of a letter from the State Railroad Commission showing that you have made a complaint in regard to the \$300 per year charged for pumping altho there was a definite agreement entered into between us and the arrangement was made simply as an accommodation. I refer you to your letter of July 29th, 1914.

This is to notify you that the agreement made and entered into the twelfth day of June, 1909, between the F. & W. Thum Co. and Frank A. Seiberling also Charles W. Seiberling together with my offer of July 2nd, 1914, as agent for James A. Murray, the successor to the interest of the F. & W. Thum Co., is hereby canceled, and we will pump no water for you after July 2nd, 1916.

This also is to inform you that you are in arrears in the sum of \$450, for one and one-half years' rental and use of Mr. Murray's reservoir and pumping plant. I would be pleased to have a check covering same at your earliest convenience. A copy of this letter has been sent to Mrs. Harriett Miles, also one to the State Railroad Commission.

Yours very truly,

JAMES A. MURRAY,

By

His Attorney in Fact

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April 14, 1916.

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Mr. F. A. Seiberling,
Goodyear Rubber Co.,
Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Seiberling:

I am in receipt of yours of April 5th, and contents noted. At the time I gave notice, under date of March 29th, I was thoroughly provoked, for I felt that after the courtesies that I had extended to both Mr. and Mrs. Miles I should have at least been notified before you people made a complaint to the State Railroad Commission. In all fairness, why did you not notify me before making this complaint to the State Railroad Commission? I feel that that is the least courtesy that I was entitled to.

Mr. Murray has been allowing you the use both of his pumping plant and reservoir at actual cost, and, in fact, less than actual cost if you take into consideration depreciation of plant, etc. This has saved you an investment of several thousand dollars for the last few years for a pumping plant of your own. He did not have to do this, and it was simply a matter of courtesy on my part as agent. Then again it is just one more thing to stir up a row and make us trouble with the Railroad Commission.

In all fairness, I ask you, how would you like it under the circumstances, particularly when the Cuyamaca Water Co. is not taking in enough money to pay operating expenses after having

invested between \$600,000 and \$700,000 in cash in the property?
 It has been one continual row all the time, and this is just
 adding one more burden and one more thing to worry about, and
 we shall certainly fight this complaint before the Railroad
 Commission to a finish, and if necessary in the courts, while
 if I had even known of your complaint to the Railroad Commission,
 or if you had personally, Mr. Seiberling, investigated the situa-
 tion before making this complaint I am sure you would have seen
 our point of view and have had some consideration for us in the
 matter.

Mrs. Miles knows that I have shown her every consideration;
 have done everything that I could to help her, and you can assure
 her that I feel that way today. I have no desire for any contro-
 versy with you or Mrs. Miles. I desire your friendship, but I
 do want a square deal, and in making the complaint to the Railroad
 Commission the way you have, I don't consider it was an act of
 friendship, or in the right spirit as between friends.

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter to Mrs. Miles, which
 is explanatory.

Yours very truly,

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April 25, 1916.

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Mr. F. A. Seiberling,
 c/o Goodyear Rubber Co.,
 Akron, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Seiberling:

Enclosed find copy of letter which I have received
 from the State Railroad Commission, and which explains the
 matter thoroughly. My first letter from the State Railroad
 Commission was that an informal complaint had been filed by
 Mrs Miles, and I took it for granted that such was the case;
 Instead of that this is the first time that I have heard from
 the Railroad Commission that Mr. Hockaday had made the complaint.

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY

By _____
 Manager

EF:B

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