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Messrs. Murray & Fletcher, doing business under the name of the Cuyamaca Water Company,

San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

I, the undersigned, hereby pay under the following protest the bills for water rental rendered me for the months of July and August, 1913, in the sum of \$ 8.80

My said protest is made upon the following grounds, to-wit:

That said Murray & Fletcher have taken no efficient steps pursuant to the order of the Commission made March 28, 1913, to increase the available supply of water to the use of which I am entitled. That such supply has dwindled down in July, 1913, to one-half of the amount to which I am entitled under my contract; and in August, 1913, to one-fourth of such supply. And that I am notified by you that after September 5, 1913, no water for irrigation but only for domestic uses will be furnished. That I am suffering loss and damage by reason of such short supply and am not receiving the consideration for any increase over my contract rate of rentals, which is involved in the order of the Railway Commission of the State of California requiring you to take immediate steps to increase such supply. That the service rendered to me from said Cuyamaca Water system since the order of the Railroad Commission is not better but far worse than has been known during the history of the system.

My said payment under protest is not to be considered as any waiver of my right to contest future demands or for damages for your failure to furnish water under the contract assumed by you.

Very Truly Yours,

Mrs Susan M. Johnston

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Cuyamaca Water Co.
San Diego.

Sirs:

I have received account for "excess water, 1420 cu ft" \$1.00, for June. In order to preserve the spirit of the general South La Mesa water contracts which cover my Lots 4 and 5 South La Mesa, it seems necessary for me to protest against this charge, as the contracts allow all water required to be taken at regular rates.

The newly plowed land took up more water than expected in June but is not likely to need so much again this season, and as Mr Harritt sent word that the 1420 ft would be deducted from the July supply, we can probably spare it, and if not will pay the difference at regular rates.

Yours truly,

(S.M.)

Susan M. Johnston

Box 230, R.F.D. No 1.
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Cuyamaca Water Co
San Diego, Cal.

Sirs:

In making payment of your account for April \$4.25, I enter formal protest against your raise in rates as being an unreasonable violation of contracts.

The joint contract and deed of Feb 1st, 1888, between C.F. Francisco and the San Diego Flume Co, stated the maximum charge for water delivered to South La Mesa lands to be ten cents per thousand gallons as used, in perpetuity, this charge being modified to me by later purchase for cash of two inches in perpetual flow at \$50, per inch per annum. Your present account arbitrarily divides water by charges of 1 cent, 2 cents and 2 cents per 100 cu.ft. for beginnings of each month, I understand, although the water on my land began to flow over 25 years ago, and all payments for the same regularly made.

In respect to your rules on pages 8-9, in which you have listed the "Johnson Pipe Line" which, I presume refers to the present 4 inch pipe line on Orange avenue, South La Mesa, installed by Mr C.J Johnston early in 1907, upon notice from the San Diego Flume Co, that they would not or could not relay that pipe line, for which they had been deeded a 30 ft right of way over South La Mesa lands, and then referred to in our sub-contracts as "South La Mesa main pipe line" from which our water was to be taken, and was in service in 1891 as a branch of the Flume system, to consumers here.

Therefore the "Johnson Pipe Line" will not be turned over to the water company without full compensation for its cost, with interest, nor will I pay for water in any other way except as registered in my meters.

I expect to lay this matter before the Railroad commission if not satisfactorily adjusted with you here.

Yours truly,

(Mrs) Susan M. Johnston

May 15, 1917.

Mrs Susan M. Johnson,
Box 230 - R. F. D. # 1,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter of May fifth, the bill referred to and to which you object was made out in accordance with the State Railroad Commission's Decision #4058. The method of the payment of water as established in that decision is known as the Block System, in which the consumer pays for the actual amount of water received and not a certain stated amount per month as formerly.

I really believe if you would try this plan out for a year you would see its eminent fairness to all. Your water bill, obviously, will be higher than formerly during the irrigating season and less during the winter months when you are using a smaller amount of water.

As regards the Johnson pipe line which is listed on pages 8 and 9 in the book of rules and regulations, would say that it was listed among a number of other privately owned lines and I believe the Railroad Commission required us to submit to them a list of these lines thru which we were supplying water which were not the property of the Cuyamaca Water Co.

I hope you will give this new system a fair trial and I think it will work out to the advantage of the consumer as well as the Cuyamaca Water Company.

Yours very truly,
CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY

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Superintendent

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