

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Investigation)
into the Efficiency, Production,)
Transmission, Distribution and Use) Case 1410
of Gas by Utilities within the State)
of California. Investigation insti-)
tuted on the Commission's Own Motion.)

- C. P. Cutten for Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- R. E. Easton for Santa Maria Gas Company
- F. W. Hunter for Central Counties Gas Company
- J. E. Kelley for Western States Gas & Electric Company
- C. A. Luckenback for Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.
- J. F. Pollard for Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Company
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WHITTLESEY, COMMISSIONER:

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O P I N I O N

This is an investigation on the Commission's own motion into the efficiency of production, distribution and use of gas by the public utilities in the State of California, with a view to determining the best quality of gas to be served to the public.

On August 1, 1919, General Order No. 58 was approved, effective September 1, 1919, providing therein standards for gas service in the State of California. Since that time the Commission's gas engineers have carried on routine inspections of gas service throughout the state with reference to the enforcement of the general order. Shortly after the effective date of General Order 58 an investigation was instituted as a result of the contention on the part of certain utilities that certain of the standards prescribed in General Order 58 were not the most economical. A special committee, consisting of engineers of the Commission and certain

engineers of the public utilities, was organized and known as the Joint Committee on Efficiency and Economy of Gas of the Railroad Commission of the State of California. Exhaustive tests were conducted by this committee and under date of September 15, 1922, recommendations were made for certain modifications and revisions in the standard of gas quality to be supplied. Investigations made by the Commission's engineers in connection with the enforcement of General Order 58 have indicated the advisability of certain changes and modifications in the original general order. As a result of these recommendations and the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Gas Efficiency, this Commission submitted to each of the gas utilities of the state its proposed revision of General Order 58. The various gas utilities were ordered to appear on February 6, 1923 and show cause, if any they had, why the revised order should not be approved and made effective as the new standard for gas service in the State of California. At the hearing in this proceeding certain minor changes were suggested in the proposed general order and such of these as it appears advisable have been made in the order herein made effective.

O R D E R

The Commission having prepared a revision of its General Order No. 58, specifying standards for gas service in the State of California, a hearing having been held and the matter submitted:

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT that the rules specifying standards for gas service set forth in its General Order No. 58 approved August 1, 1919, should be modified as set forth in its General Order No. 58 Revised, which revised standards

are found to be just and reasonable.

Basing its Order on the above finding of fact,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. On and after April 1, 1923, the rules specifying standards for gas service as set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 58 as approved August 1, 1919, are recinded in so far as they differ from the rules set forth in General Order No. 58 Revised, herein approved, except as provided in section "3" hereof.

2. General Order No. 58 Revised is hereby approved and made effective April 1, 1923.

3. No gas utility shall reduce the heat content of its product from the present 570 British thermal unit standard now in effect to that standard specified in General Order No. 58 Revised, until such a time as it is prepared to base its determinations of heat content upon tests of an average sample as provided in General Order No. 58 Revised and shall have received the informal approval of same from the Railroad Commission.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this first day of March, 1923.

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Commissioners.