

Decision No. 11836

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
for an increase in, and a general
adjustment of, its rates and charges
for gas to be sold and distributed
by it within the City of Los Angeles
and various incorporated and unincor-
porated territories in the vicinity
of Los Angeles.

Application No. 6338.

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION.

SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

The Commission, by its Decision No. 9133, dated June 22, 1921, established rates for Southern California Gas Company, for the service of mixed gas having an average heating value of 750 B.t.u. per cubic foot. The rates then fixed were based upon operations consuming considerable quantities of oil, and since that time the Commission has by supplemental orders reduced the original rates to the extent of 7 cents per Mcf. because of reductions of oil prices. The original order made the following provision in regard to the quality of gas to be served:

"IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Gas Company be authorized to reduce the heating value standard of mixed gas served to 750 B.t.u. per cubic foot monthly average with a maximum variation of 35 B.t.u. per cubic foot above or below this average effective on and after July 1, 1921."

There was also included in each of the mixed gas rate schedules the following paragraph providing for revision of gas rates automatically with changes in the price of oil:

"The above rates are subject to increase or decrease on the basis of 1 cent per 1000 cubic feet for each 10 cents increase or decrease, respectively, in the cost of oil as may from time to time be authorized on the system of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, subject to the approval of the Railroad Commission of the State of California. Change to be to the nearest one cent."

It appears that the two above mentioned provisions of Decision No. 9133 should be cancelled and that the standard for gas service be established as 850 B.t.u. per cubic foot under schedules of rates 7 cents per thousand cubic feet less than those fixed by Decision No. 9133 and without provision for the automatic change of rates.

Investigations made by the Commission's gas engineering department indicate that there is now developed in Southern California a large volume of natural gas and further there have recently been constructed new gas transmission lines delivering largely increased quantities of this natural gas to the City of Los Angeles, thereby making possible the establishment of a standard of 850 B.t.u. per cubic foot for the average quality of mixed gas served by Southern California Gas Company.

This higher quality of gas service is to the public interest and would prove to be of great benefit to the customers of Southern California Gas Company as it would result in a saving of approximately 12 per cent. to these consumers.

The Commission has called these facts to the Company's attention and has proposed modifications of the Order in Decision No. 9133 which fixed the present rates and standards for gas service, to now provide for the service of mixed gas of 850 B.t.u. quality with the present rates remaining unchanged, except that the clause covering the modification of gas price with change of oil price should be eliminated because very little oil will be used. Inasmuch as Southern California Gas Company has agreed to these

modifications of the previous Order, further notice and hearing are unnecessary.

The Commission therefore concludes that Decision No. 9133 in Application No. 6338 of Southern California Gas Company for increase of rates should be modified as above indicated in regard to rates and standards of gas quality.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the provision of Decision No. 9133 fixing a gas quality of 750 B.t.u. per cubic foot be cancelled, and that on and after April 1, 1923, Southern California Gas Company shall supply to its consumers gas having a monthly average heating value standard of 850 B.t.u. per cubic foot with a maximum variation of 50 B.t.u. per cubic foot above or below this average.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Schedules Nos. A-1 and A-5 reading:

"The above rates are subject to increase or decrease on the basis of 1 cent per 1000 cubic feet for each 10 cents increase or decrease, respectively, in the cost of oil as may from time to time be authorized on the system of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, subject to the approval of the Railroad Commission of the State of California. Change to be to the nearest one cent."

be cancelled, effective April 1, 1923, and said rates as set forth in Decision No. 9133 be reduced 7 cents per 1000 cubic feet, and the Southern California Gas Company, be and is hereby authorized to charge and collect the following rates for gas for domestic and commercial purposes in accordance with the following schedules, which rates shall be effective for all regular meter readings taken on and after the 1st day of April, 1923:

SCHEDULE NO. A-1

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

GENERAL SERVICE - Mixed Gas

Applicable to the service of 850 B.t.u. gas for domestic and commercial lighting, heating and cooking.

TERRITORY

Applicable to District No. 1 and District No. 1-A.

RATE

First	5,000	cu.ft.	per	meter	per	month	68¢	per	M.	cu.ft.
Next	15,000	"	"	"	"	"	63¢	"	"	"
"	30,000	"	"	"	"	"	58¢	"	"	"
All over	50,000	"	"	"	"	"	53¢	"	"	"

MINIMUM CHARGE

- (1) For flats and apartments where four or more meters are served from one service in one location 70¢ per meter per month.
- (2) All service other than under (1), 80¢ per meter per month.

SCHEDULE NO. A-5

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

GENERAL SERVICE - Mixed Gas

Applicable to the service of 850 B.t.u. gas for domestic and commercial lighting, heating and cooking.

TERRITORY

Applicable to District No. 3 which includes the following territory.

- (a) City of Beverly Hills.
- (b) That portion of the City of Los Angeles not included in District No. 1.
- (c) All incorporated and unincorporated territory served by the Southern California Gas Company not included in District No. 2.

RATE

First	5,000	cu-ft.	per	meter	per	month	78¢	per	M.	cu.ft.
Next	15,000	"	"	"	"	"	68¢	"	"	"
"	30,000	"	"	"	"	"	58¢	"	"	"
All over	50,000	"	"	"	"	"	53¢	"	"	"

SCHEDULE A-5 (Cont'd.)

MINIMUM CHARGE

- (1) For flats and apartments where four or more meters are served from one service in one location, 70¢ per meter per month.
- (2) All service other than under (1), 80¢ per meter per month.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Gas Company shall file with the Railroad Commission within ten days of the date of this Order the foregoing schedules of rates.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of March, 1923.

C. A. Seaver
H. B. Bourdige
E. J. Shore

Commissioners.