Decision No. 17038

BIFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) COAST COUNTIES GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,) for a certificate of public convenience) and necessity authorizing applicant to) extend its gas distributing system in) certain territory in the County of Con-) tra Costa, State of California, herein-) after more particularly described, in-) cluding the Town of Pinole, and to exer-) cise in said territory the franchise) rights granted by Ordinance No. 130 of the) County of Contra Costa and by Ordinance) No. 48 of the Town of Pinole.)

Application No. 12889

LCO H. SUSMAN, for applicant.

BY THE COLMISSION:

<u>CPINION</u>

Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company asks the Commission to issue to applicant a certificate under and pursuant to the provisions of Section 50 of the Public Utilities Act of the State of California that the present and future public convenience and necessity will require the construction by applicant of a gas transmission and distribution system in the territory hereafter described and to exercise rights and privileges granted by Ordinance #150 of the County of Contra Costa and by Ordinance #48 of the Town of Pinole.

Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company owns and operates an artificial gas plant located near Pittsburg, Contra Costa County. It sells, furnishes and delivers gas in the towns of Pittsburg, Antioch, Concord, Martinez, Pacheco and territory adjacent thereto and in the unincorporated territory of Port

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Costa, Crockett, Crolina and Valona. It now proposes to construct a six inch transmission line extending from Valons in a general westerly and southerly direction through and in Tormey, Rodeo and Pinole, to the Rancho San Pablo grant line, all in Contra Costa County.

It is estimated that the cost of the proposed transmission line and distribution system to serve residents along such line will be \$100,000.00. It is of record that applicant has on file approximately 300 applications for gas service. Substantially all of the material has been acquired and is on the ground.

Applicant intends to extend its transmission line to the Rancho San Pablo grant line and there have the same connect with a transmissmon line of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. It also intends to enter into a contract with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company under the terms of which it will purchase gas for distribution to consumers along the new line and at Valona, Crockett, Port Costa and Adjacent territory.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of the application.

Applicant has stipulated that it, its successors and assigns will never claim before the Railroad Commission or any court or other public body a value for the rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No. 48 of the Town of Pinole to applicant in excess of the sum actually paid by applicant to said Town of Pinole as the consideration of the grant of said rights and privileges. The amount so paid is reported at \$50.

ORDER

Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company having applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a certain gas transmission and distribution system, for the exercise of rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No.150 of the

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County of Contra Costa and by Ordinance No. 48 of the Town of Pinole, a public hearing having been held Before Examiner Fankhauser and the matter being ready for decision;

THE COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES AND CERTIFIES that present and future convenience and necessity require and will require the construction and operation of that certain gas transmission line and distribution system described in a petition in the above entitled application, and in Exhibit "B" attached to said petition and to exercise the rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No. 130 of the County of Contra Costa and Ordinance No. 48 of the Town of Pinole to the extent necessary to permit said Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company to construct, operate and maintain said gas transmission line and distribution system.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this 2^{4} day of 4^{4} July 1926.

Commissioners.

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