Decision No. 17486

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of Southern Counties Gas Company of California for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise certain franchise rights granted to it by the County of Los Angeles. ORIGINAL

Application No. 13185.

Leroy M. Edwards for applicant. A. L. Cleveland for Southern California Gas Company, interested party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

This is an application by Southern Counties Gas Company of California for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by it of a franchise granted by ordinance of the County of Los Angeles.

Public hearing before Examiner Williams was held in Los Angeles October 5, 1926, at which time testimony was introduced and the matter submitted for decision.

It sppears that on December 14, 1925, the County of Los Angeles awarded applicant a forty year franchise (Ordinance No. 1360 New Series) to construct, maintain and operate a gas pipe line extending from a point in the so-called Rosecrans-Athens Oil Field (Los Angeles County), southward connecting with applicant's pipe line in the so-called Dominguez Oil Field (Los Angeles County), which pipe line extends southward and connects with applicant's gas distribution system in Wilmington and San Pedro. Copy of said

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franchise has been filed as Exhibit "A", attached to the application.

Applicant alleges that said pipe line was constructed for, is now used, and will be used in the future, solely for the purpose of transporting gas southward from the said Rosecrans-Athens Oil Field, that it has no desire or intention of selling or distributing gas from said pipe line and it stipulated at the above hearing that its rights to exercise the aforesaid franchise shall be limited so as not to interfere with any of the rights of any other company that may be selling or distributing gas in the territory traversed by said pipe line.

Applicant will file with the Commission a stipulation duly and legally passed by resolution of its Board of Directors to the effect that applicant, its successors or assigns will never claim before the Railroad Commission, or any court or public body, any value for the aforesaid franchise in excess of the original cost thereof.

ORDER

Southern Counties Gas Company of California having applied to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the exercise of certain rights and privileges granted by the County of Los Angeles, Ordinance No. 1360, New Series, public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby certifies and declares that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by Southern Counties Gas Company of California of those rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No.1360, New Series, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on December 14, 1925, for purposes of transmission of gas only

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and subject to the following condition:

1. That on or before December 31, 1926, Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall file with this Commission a stipulation duly executed upon anthority of its Board of Directors to the effect that applicant, its successors or assigns will never claim before the Railroad Commission or any court or public body any value for the aforesaid franchise in excess of the original cost thereof.

.The authority herein granted shall be effective from and after the date of this order.

The foregoing Opinion and Order is hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Reilroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this $\frac{16^{-4}}{-4}$ day of $\frac{16^{-4}}{-4}$, 1926.

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