

Decision No. 20396 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
NAPA VALLEY ELECTRIC COMPANY to
Abandon the Manufacture and Distri-
bution of Gas.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 15047.

Chafee E. Hall for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Napa Valley Electric Company asks the Railroad Commission to make its order granting applicant permission to abandon the manufacture and distribution of gas in the Town of St. Helena and adjacent territory in Napa County.

A hearing in this matter was held in St. Helena before Examiner Gannon, October 9, 1928. No one appeared at the hearing to protest the application.

Applicant through its witness offered testimony to the effect that the gas plant was being operated at a loss and that additional expenditures will be necessary if service is continued.

Applicant agrees to purchase present gas equipment from consumers at reasonable prices and offers special inducements for the installation of electrical equipment. The detail of the proposed plan for accomplishing the change from gas to electricity or other fuel without injustice to present gas consumers is set forth in the application.

In some instances consumers are required to sign a contract providing that they will agree in writing not to again install gas equipment. This provision has been explained by applicant's

witness as in no way preventing the consumer from utilizing "rock gas" or gas from another utility's system should such service be available in the future.

The Commission has considered the facts concerning the above matter and is of the opinion that this application should be granted.

O R D E R

Napa Valley Electric Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to abandon its gas plant and distribution system supplying St. Helena and adjacent territory in Napa County, a public hearing having been held thereon and the Railroad Commission being of the opinion that such authority should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective ten (10) days from and after the date of this order Napa Valley Electric Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue gas service in St. Helena and adjacent territory and to abandon its gas plant.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of October, 1928.

Leon Whitely
Commissioner

John D. Lattin

M. J. C.

Commissioners.