

Decision No. 22130.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, a California corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise certain franchise rights in the City of Corcoran, County of Kings, under franchise applied for by applicant.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 16223.

L. T. Rice for Applicant.

DECOTO, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In this application, Southern California Gas Company asks the Railroad Commission for an order certifying that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by it of the rights and privileges of franchise applied for to the City Council of the City of Corcoran, County of Kings.

Applicant requests authority to construct, operate and maintain pipe lines through the City of Corcoran and to lay, operate and maintain a system for the distribution and sale of natural gas in said City.

The project to serve the City of Corcoran would consist of the laying of a 3" transmission line extension a distance of 16.5 miles southerly from applicant's present 6" Hanford-Visalia line, to the City of Corcoran, and the laying of a distribution system in the City of Corcoran.

Public hearing was held at Corcoran on January 29, 1930, before Commissioner Decoto, at which time evidence was introduced

and the matter submitted for decision. No one appeared to protest the granting of the application.

Southern California Gas Company has, in the past, been supplying natural gas service to towns and cities in the surrounding territory and it, therefore, appears that the City of Corcoran can be served most economically by applicant.

Applicant has stipulated 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 actual cost thereof.

I recommend the following form of Order:

O R D E R

Southern California Gas Company having applied to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for an order certifying that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise of the rights and privileges applied for to the City Council of the City of Corcoran, County of Kings, a public hearing having been held, the matter being submitted and 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:

(1) The exercise by Southern California Gas Company of the rights and privileges granted by franchise applied for to the City of Corcoran, County of Kings, in so far as the exercise of such rights and privileges is necessary for the distribution and sale of natural gas in said city.

(2) The exercise of the rights and privileges granted to applicant under Ordinance No. 139 of the County of Kings in so far

as the exercise of such rights and privileges is necessary in the construction, maintenance and operation of the 3" transmission line described in the Opinion above.

The above certification is granted subject to the following conditions and not otherwise:

(a) That Southern California Gas Company shall file with this Commission a certified copy of the franchise to be granted to it by the City of Corcoran.

(b) That Southern California Gas Company shall file with this Commission a stipulation, duly executed on authority of its Board of Directors, agreeing that it will never claim for said franchise a value in excess of the cost thereof.

(c) Upon the filing of the franchise and stipulation referred to in Conditions (a) and (b) above, in the proper form, the Commission will issue its supplemental order authorizing the exercise of the rights conferred by such franchise.

(d) Said franchise and stipulation shall be filed on or before April 30, 1930.

The authorization herein granted, except as otherwise specifically provided, shall be effective from and after the date of this order.

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 15¹⁰
day of February, 1930.

Cl. Scavely

Leon Whitley
Thos. S. ...

M. J. ...

Commissioners.