

Decision No. 22238

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) INLAND EMPIRE GAS COMPANY, ) a corporation, for consent of Com-) mission to refunding of short time ) notes by new short time notes at ) reduced interest rates. )

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Application No. 16296

J. D. Taggart, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## ORDER

Inland Empire Gas Company asks permission to issue \$125,000.00 of eight percent unsecured demand notes to refund \$125,000.00 of twelve percent unsecured demand notes and to issue a new demand note for the accrued and unpaid interest on said \$125,000.00 of twelve percent notes from April 8, 1928, or such later date on which the demand notes were issued, to February 1, 1930.

The company has outstanding, as said, \$125,000.00 of twelve percent demand notes issued from time to time as it required construction funds. The notes were issued in varying amounts from November 8, 1927 to November 25, 1929, both inclusive. Under the provisions of the Public Utilities Act, the issue of the notes did not have to be, and was not, authorized by the Commission. However, the issue of notes to pay or refund the \$125,000.00 of notes may not be done without authorization from the Commission.

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The company may issue a demand note to represent the accrued and unpaid interest without permission from the Commission. That portion of applicant's request will therefore be dismissed.

The Commission has considered the request of applicant and is of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the \$125,000.00 of notes is reasonably required for the purpose specified in this order, and that such purpose is not in whole or in part reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Inland Empire Gas Company be, and it is hereby, authorized to issue, on or before September 1, 1930, its unsecured eight percent demand note in the principal sum of \$125,000.00 for the purpose of paying or refunding the demand notes set forth in Exhibit "A". filed in this proceeding and aggregating \$125,000.00 face value.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this application, insofar as it involves the issue of a demand note to pay or refund accrued and unpaid interest, be, and it is hereby, dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted will become effective when applicant has paid the fee prescribed by Section 57 of the Public Utilities Act, which fee is One Hundred and Twenty-five (\$125.00) Dollars, and that applicant

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shall file with the Commission, within thirty days after the issue of the note herein authorized, a copy of such note.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this <u>2016</u> day of March, 1930.

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