

Decision No. 22584.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 CONSUMERS GAS COMPANY,  
 a corporation, and COAST COUNTIES  
 GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation,  
 for an order of the Railroad Commis-  
 sion of the State of California, auth-  
 orizing the former to sell and convey  
 and the latter to purchase and acquire  
 the properties and rights referred to  
 in this application, and for a further  
 order granting to COAST COUNTIES GAS  
 & ELECTRIC COMPANY a certificate of  
 public convenience and necessity auth-  
 orizing it to serve gas in the Towns  
 of Dos Palos and South Dos Palos in  
 the County of Merced, State of California.)

ORIGINAL

Application No. 16535

BY THE COMMISSION:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER.

In the above entitled matter, the Railroad Commission was asked to authorize Consumers Gas Company to transfer its properties to Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company, and to certify that public convenience and necessity require the construction and operation by Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company of a gas system in and about Dos Palos and South Dos Palos.

A public hearing in the matter was held before Examiner Fankhauser on June 6, 1930. Thereafter Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company requested the Commission to defer action on its request for the certificate to enter into Dos Palos and South Dos Palos until it was in a position to obtain a gas supply within or near the two communities. The Commission's Decision No. 22584, dated June 25, 1930, accordingly was limited to passing on the request of Consumers Gas Company to transfer its properties. This

request was granted.

On September 19, 1930, Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company made its supplemental petition asking the Commission to dispose of its request by granting the certificate, alleging in this connection that plans for the construction of a gas transmission line to a pumping station owned by Standard Oil Company of California at a point near South Dos Palos have been concluded and that natural gas accordingly will be available to it in wholesale quantities for delivery in the two towns. It therefore proposes, with the consent of the Commission, to commence construction work on the plants and systems necessary to supply gas in these localities. In this connection, it might be said that Dos Palos and South Dos Palos are unincorporated communities. The decision of the Commission, No. 22584, referred to above, authorized applicant to acquire a franchise granted by Ordinance No. 180, passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced on July 2, 1929, which will be sufficient to permit it, if authorized by the Commission, to use the public streets and highways of the two towns.

Applicant Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company estimates that during the first year its proposed plants are in operation it can secure seventy domestic and twenty-five commercial consumers in Dos Palos and eight domestic and five commercial consumers in South Dos Palos. It estimates its construction expenditures to supply Dos Palos at \$14,114.50 and to supply South Dos Palos at \$2,255.48, as set forth in detail in Exhibits "A" and "B" filed with the supplemental petition.

Considering the testimony adduced at the original hearing and the further information submitted with the supplemental petition, it appears to us that a further hearing is not necessary at this time and that the company's request should be granted, therefore,

