

Decision No. 23612.**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of WEST SIDE NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
a corporation, for a Certificate
of Public Convenience and Neces-
sity authorizing it to exercise
Franchise Ordinance No. 146 of the
County of Kings, State of California.

Application No. 17177.

W. F. Williamson, Wallace & Vaughan, by
Reginald L. Vaughan, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application, West Side Natural Gas Company asks that the Railroad Commission of the State of California make its order and decision declaring that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by applicant of the rights and privileges granted in a franchise under Ordinance No. 146 of the County of Kings, in so far as such exercise is necessary for the service of gas in Kettleman City and the service of gas and water in the townsite of Avenal, both located in the County of Kings, State of California, and granting a certificate therefor.

In its Decision No. 22054, this Commission granted to Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company a certificate covering the service of gas and water in the townsite of Avenal and the exercise by said utility of the franchise under Ordinance No. 146 of the County of Kings.

In its Decision No. 22528, this Commission authorized the sale and transfer by Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company to West Side Natural Gas Company all its gas and water properties in Avenal.

In a letter dated November 29, 1930, Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company submitted to the Commission an indenture of transfer of its Avenal properties, together with a stipulation by the Board of Directors of West Side Natural Gas Company in which it is agreed that the latter utility will never claim before the Commission for such ordinance a value greater than the actual cost thereof.

A public hearing was held on this application at Avenal on March 20, 1931, before Examiner Satterwhite.

Testimony and evidence introduced at this hearing established the fact that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by applicant of the rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No. 146 of the County of Kings, within the limits set forth in the following order.

O R D E R

West Side Natural Gas Company having asked that the Commission make its order and decision declaring that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by applicant of the rights and privileges granted under Ordinance No. 146 of the County of Kings, public hearing having been held, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY ORDERS AND DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by West Side Natural Gas Company of the rights and privileges granted under Ordinance No. 146 of the County of Kings, State of California, in so far as such exercise is necessary for the service of gas within that certain area extending one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) miles from the center of the townsite of Kettleman City, as set forth in Exhibit "A" of the application, and

of gas and water within that certain area extending one and one-half (1½) miles from the center of the townsite of Avenal, both located in the County of Kings, State of California.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to West Side Natural Gas Company covering the exercise of said franchise as outlined above.

The above certification and authorization are subject to the following conditions and not otherwise:

- (1) That West Side Natural Gas Company file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from and after the date of this order, the following schedule of gas rates to be made effective for all billing on meter readings taken on and after the date of this order:

Territory: Kettleman City.

Service Charge: \$0.75 per meter per month.

Commodity Charge: To be added to Service Charge.

First 5,000 cu.ft. per meter per month.....	10¢ per 100 cu.ft.
Next 5,000 cu.ft. per meter per month.....	7.5¢ " " "
Over 10,000 cu.ft. per meter per month.....	6.0¢ " " "

- (2) That the Railroad Commission may hereafter, by appropriate proceedings and orders, revoke and limit, as to territory not then served by the West Side Natural Gas Company, the authority herein granted.

The effective date of this order, except as otherwise specifically provided, shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of April, 1931.

C. Seavey
Leon White
M. H. Carr
M. B. Karpis
Jos. G. Steinhilber
Commissioners.