

DECISION NO. 23864

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF  
CALIFORNIA for permission to abandon  
service to consumers on Katella Road  
in the vicinity of Los Alamitos.

Application No. 17355

LeRoy M. Edwards, for Southern Counties Gas  
Company of California.

Charles J. Hilliard and S. Murata, interested parties.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application, Southern Counties Gas Company of California, a corporation, asks for an order authorizing it to discontinue gas service to certain consumers on Katella Road located near Los Alamitos, Orange County.

A public hearing in this matter was held on June 11, 1931 at Huntington Beach before Examiner Satterwhite at which time the matter was submitted. No one offered testimony in opposition to the granting of the application although one consumer, S. Murata, through an interpreter, stated he desired to continue on gas service.

It appears that applicant does not now have, and never has had, any pipeline along Katella Road but has, since November 1924 and October 1929, respectively, served Charles J. Hilliard and S. Murata by means of an 8 inch transmission line owned and operated by Southern California Gas Company for the purpose of transmitting natural gas from the Huntington Beach Oil Field to distributing points in the vicinity of Whittier and Los Angeles. It also appears that Southern California Gas Company is not authorized to, and never has distributed natural gas to any consumers within the County of Orange, State of California, and that said company, owing to the decline of production of natural gas

in Huntington Beach Oil Field, no longer requires the aforesaid 9 inch pipeline and has notified applicant of its intention to remove same.

The testimony of applicant shows, that in order to continue service to the consumers in question it would be necessary to extend its gas mains 9431 feet, that the cost of making such extension would be approximately \$5,257.00, that a net operating loss of \$87.57 per annum would be suffered and that applicant would fail to make a fair return on the direct investment alone by an amount exceeding \$500.00 per year. Both the testimony of applicant and of Charles J. Hilliard, one of the aforesaid interested consumers, indicates that there are no other consumers who could be supplied from such main extension and that the possibility of future development in this area is rather remote. It further appears that electric service is available to both consumers as well as other forms of fuel and that no hardship will result to aforesaid consumers if the application is granted.

#### O R D E R

Southern Counties Gas Company of California, having applied to the Railroad Commission for permission to abandon gas service to consumers on Katella Road, in the vicinity of Los Alamitos, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Counties Gas Company of California be and it is hereby authorized to abandon gas service, effective August 1, 1931, to its consumers Charles J. Hilliard and S. Murata residing on Katella Road, in the vicinity of Los Alamitos, Orange County.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall

be twenty days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of July, 1931.

C. L. Hoover

W. J. Lee

Fred G. Stewart

COMMISSIONERS.