

Decision No. 24867.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 NATURAL GAS CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA,
 a corporation, and PACIFIC GAS AND
 ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation, for
 an order authorizing Natural Gas Cor-
 poration of California to sell and
 Pacific Gas and Electric Company to
 purchase franchises for operation of
 gas distribution systems in Calistoga
 and St. Helena.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 18189.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N and O R D E R

This is an application by Natural Gas Corporation of California, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Natural," and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Pacific," for an order authorizing the former to sell to the latter and the latter to purchase from the former two certain franchises covering the operation of gas distribution systems in the Cities of Calistoga and St. Helena, Napa County, California.

The application alleges that in February, 1930, each applicant obtained a franchise from the City of Calistoga, Napa County, California, granting each the right to construct, maintain, and operate a gas distribution system within said city; that a true copy of the franchise Natural obtained from said city is attached to the application as Exhibit "A"; that thereafter Pacific obtained a certificate from this Commission that public convenience required the exercise of the franchise obtained by it; that Pacific constructed and is now maintaining and operating a gas distribution system within said city; that

Natural has not such a certificate from this Commission, nor does Natural intend to apply to this Commission for such a certificate; that Natural desires to sell and assign to Pacific, and Pacific desires to purchase and receive from Natural, for a nominal consideration, that franchise obtained by Natural from said city; that a copy of the proposed instrument of assignment is attached to the application as Exhibit "B."

The application further alleges that on March 11, 1930, Natural's assignor, Thebo, Starr and Anderton, Incorporated, and Pacific, each obtained a franchise from the City of St. Helena, Napa County, California, granting each the right to construct, maintain and operate a gas distribution system within said city; that a true copy of the franchise Natural's assignor obtained from said city is attached to the application as Exhibit "C"; that thereafter Natural's assignor assigned and transferred said franchise to Natural; that thereafter Pacific obtained a certificate from this Commission that public convenience required the exercise of the franchise obtained by it; that Pacific constructed and is now maintaining and operating a gas distribution system within said city; that Natural has not such a certificate from this Commission nor does Natural intend to apply to this Commission for such a certificate; that Natural desires to sell and assign to Pacific and Pacific desires to purchase and receive from Natural, for a nominal consideration, that franchise obtained by Natural's assignor from said city; that a true copy of the proposed instrument of assignment is attached to the application as Exhibit "D."

The Commission being of the opinion that the sale and purchase of these franchises, as set forth above, is fair to all parties concerned, that a public hearing in this matter is not necessary, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Natural Gas Corporation of California be and the same is hereby authorized to sell and assign to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company be and the same is hereby authorized to purchase and receive, for a nominal consideration, the two franchises described above.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon the consummation of said sale and purchase a copy of the indenture of same be filed with this Commission.

The effective date of this Order shall be from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of June, 1932.

C. C. Kearney
Leon Whidley
W. J. Linn
M. B. Harris
Fred G. Stebbins
 Commissioners.