

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, for)
certificate of public convenience and)
necessity and authorizations to exer-)
cise rights and privileges under fran-)
chises hereafter to be acquired in the)
County of Los Angeles and in the cities)
of Vernon, Huntington Park and Compton)
in said county.)

Application No. 165

Appearances.

Albert Crutcher, representing applicant.

OPINION

Edgerton, Commissioner.

This is an application of Southern California Gas Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for an order that this Commission will hereafter issue its certificate permitting the exercise of rights or privileges under franchises which applicant has applied for but which have not yet been finally granted.

The financial condition of applicant is as follows:

Capital stock authorized

Preferred	\$4,000,000
Common	\$6,000,000

Stock outstanding

Preferred	\$ 125,000
Common	6,000,000

Bonds authorized	10,000,000
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Bonds outstanding	4,000,000
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Additional indebtedness	200,000
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The \$4,000,000 face value of bonds mentioned as outstanding were sold to the Pacific Light and Power Corporation under

a contract by which said corporation agrees to pay over all cash received on the sale of said bonds to applicant. As a result of this contract approximately \$2,388,000 face value of bonds have been sold and the remainder are now in the hands of the Pacific Light and Power Company under the contract aforesaid and are about to be sold when the money will be turned over to applicant. The Commission has decided heretofore that it has no jurisdiction over the sale of these bonds.

Approximately \$2,328,000 has been realized from the sales of bonds above mentioned and this money, it is alleged, has gone into the plant belonging to applicant.

The territory through which applicant proposes to run its pipe line and to the inhabitants of which it proposes to furnish gas is now unsupplied with gas, except for the portion of Vernon which is supplied with gas by the Los Angeles Gas Company, and as to this portion of Vernon applicant does not intend to install its service.

The Los Angeles Gas Company appeared at the hearing in this matter and through a representative stated that they had no protest to enter against the granting of the certificate as applied for.

Applicant will supply its mains for a time with artificial gas manufactured in its plant in Los Angeles, but later proposes to furnish natural gas through this territory as it will be the operating company for the pipe line through which natural gas is to be piped from the Midway field to Los Angeles and vicinity.

No schedule of rates for this gas has been prepared by applicant, but it is stated on its behalf that it will sell gas in the aforesaid communities at no greater prices than are now charged by the Los Angeles Gas Company.

Ordinances granting franchises along the route set out in the application and on the map filed therewith have

been adopted by the supervisors of Los Angeles County and authorities of the Cities of Vernon, and Compton and application for a franchise is now pending before the authorities of Huntington Park. The ordinances of said county and said cities are not yet in effect.

It is apparent that applicant proposes to furnish with gas a territory heretofore unsupplied and at prices no greater than are now charged by the Los Angeles Gas Company, which supplies a large portion of the City of Los Angeles with gas.

Therefore, I find as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the application, that the present or future public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction specified therein. I recommend that an order be entered that this Commission will hereafter upon application issue a certificate that public convenience and necessity require or will require the exercise of rights or privileges under franchises or permits not now, but hereafter to be secured from the county and cities mentioned in the application.

The following form of order is herewith submitted:

O R D E R

Southern California Gas Company having heretofore filed with this Commission its application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require and will require the construction of a gas pipeline and distributing system in the County of Los Angeles and in the Cities of Vernon, Huntington Park and Compton in said county, all as set out in the application and the map attached thereto, and for a preliminary order declaring that this Commission will hereafter upon application therefor, after said corporation has obtained franchises or per-

mits it contemplates securing but which have not as yet been granted to it, issue a certificate or certificates that the present or future public convenience and necessity require or will require the exercise of the rights and privileges granted by said contemplated franchises and permits to construct, maintain and operate a pipe line and distributing systems in said county and cities; And a public hearing having been had on said application;

THE COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT that the present and future public convenience and necessity require and will require

(a) The granting of the application of Southern California Gas Company for the construction of a gas pipe line and distributing systems in the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Vernon, Huntington Park and Compton in said County, all as set out in the application herein and the map attached thereto, and basing its conclusions on said findings,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS: The application of Southern California Gas Company for a certificate that the present or future public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction of said gas pipe line and distributing systems in the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Vernon, Huntington Park and Compton in said county, and the application of said Southern California Gas Company for an order declaring that this Commission will hereafter upon application issue a certificate that public convenience and necessity require or will require the exercise of rights or privileges under franchises or permits not now but hereafter to be secured from the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Vernon, Huntington Park and Compton is hereby

granted:

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby
approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of
the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th
day of August, 1912.

John M. Eshleman
W. Gordon
E. O. Edgerton

Commissioners.