

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PARLIER WINERY, a corporation, to transfer to River Bend Gas and Water Company, a corporation, certain franchises, and of RIVER BEND GAS AND WATER COMPANY for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, authorizing the exercise of the rights granted under said franchises.

Application No. 1530.

Chaffee E. Hall, for Applicants.

LOVELAND, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N .

Parlier Winery has been granted a franchise by the City of Reedley in Ordinance No. 37, passed on March 3, 1915, to operate a gas distributing system along the streets of that city. A copy of that franchise was filed in this proceeding as "Exhibit C." Parlier Winery also has a franchise granted by the County of Fresno on February 11, 1915, to operate a gas distributing system along the streets within the unincorporated town of Parlier and along the public highways between Parlier and Reedley, and between Parlier and Kingsburg. A copy of this franchise was filed in this proceeding as "Exhibit D." Parlier Winery, on March 12, 1915, made application to the city of Kingsburg for a franchise to operate a gas distributing system within that municipality. A copy of said application was filed in this proceeding as "Exhibit E."

Parlier Winery, which is not, itself, engaged in the gas business, and has no desire to engage in that business, asks authority to transfer these franchises to River Bend Gas and Water Company.

River Bend Gas and Water Company was incorporated on March 29, 1915, with authority to conduct a public utility gas business. This Company contemplates installing and operating a gas distributing system in that portion of Fresno County in and around Dinuba, Parlier, Reedley and Kingsburg. That Company accordingly makes application to this Commission for a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity require the exercise of the franchise rights assigned to it by Parlier Winery. There is now no gas utility business in this territory other than a small system at Dinuba, which system River Bend Gas and Water Company contemplates purchasing. Evidence was introduced at the hearing showing clearly that the inhabitants of the territory to be served by the system of River Bend Gas and Water Company are anxious to have such a system installed, and I feel satisfied that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by River Bend Gas and Water Company of the franchise rights as requested in the application in this proceeding, and I submit herewith the following form of order:

O R D E R.

This proceeding having come on regularly for hearing, and the Commission being duly advised in the premises,--

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Parlier Winery be, and it is hereby, authorized to assign to River Bend Gas and Water Company that certain franchise granted to Parlier Winery by the city of Reedley, in Ordinance No. 37, approved March 3, 1915,

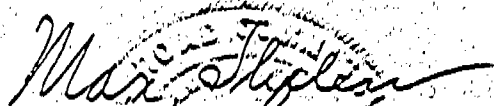
a copy of which is filed in this proceeding as "Exhibit C," and that certain franchise granted to Parlier Winery by the County of Fresno in an Ordinance adopted February 11, 1915, a copy of which is filed in this proceeding as "Exhibit D."

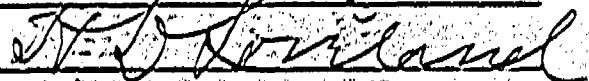
AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by River Bend Gas and Water Company of the rights and privileges contained in the franchises above mentioned.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the event the city of Kingsburg grants to Parlier Winery a franchise to operate a gas distributing system in that municipality, in accordance with the application of Parlier Winery made to said municipality on March 12, 1915, Parlier Winery be, and it is hereby, authorized to assign said franchise to River Bend Gas and Water Company, and this Commission will hereafter, upon application of River Bend Gas and Water Company, declare that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by River Bend Gas and Water Company, under such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe, of the rights and privileges contained in said franchise applied for from the city of Kingsburg by Parlier Winery, but not yet obtained.

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 24th day of May, 1915.







Commissioners.