

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

-----000-----

ORIGINAL

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF )  
CALIFORNIA, a corporation, for a )  
certificate declaring that public )  
convenience and necessity will require )  
the exercise of a right or privilege )  
under franchises which applicant )  
contemplates securing, but which have )  
not yet been granted to it. )

Application

No. 2431.

-----  
Le Roy M. Edwards, for applicant.

LOVELAND, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N.

This is an application by SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA for an order preliminary to the issue of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the exercise of certain rights under franchises to be granted by the County of Los Angeles.

Applicant by Decision No. 3360, dated May 22, 1916, has been authorized to acquire the gas properties of Southern California Edison Company. Applicant reports that all of the franchises possessed by the Southern California Edison Company in the County of Los Angeles were granted more than three years prior to the date of the application herein, and that the terms of said franchises make it impossible for applicant to make further extensions under the same. To enable it to install extensions, applicant in its own name and through its attorney, Le Roy H. Edwards, has filed

with the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County applications for franchises, which cover substantially the same territory as the franchises formerly owned by Southern California Edison Company

Applicant reports that it has no intention to invade territory now furnished with gas by any other public utility without an order from the Commission.

Inasmuch as applicant has not obtained its franchises, referred to in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" attached to the application herein, it is obvious that this Commission can not issue a final order in this proceeding. I am willing, however, to recommend that the Commission issue a preliminary order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the franchise rights contemplated in this application.

O R D E R.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA having applied to this Commission for a preliminary order declaring that public convenience and necessity will require the exercise of rights and privileges under the franchises which applicant herein proposes to acquire from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County,

And a public hearing having been held, and it appearing to this Commission that public convenience and necessity will require the exercise of rights and privileges under franchises which have been applied for, but not yet secured, from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require that SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA construct gas transmission and distribution lines for the sale of natural

and artificial gas in Los Angeles County under franchises to be hereafter granted by Los Angeles County; provided that this order is merely preliminary and that a final order will be issued after Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall have acquired said franchises, as aforesaid, from Los Angeles County, and that said final order will be issued upon such terms and conditions as this Commission may designate after Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall have obtained said franchises from Los Angeles County.

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  
10th day of August, 1916.

Max Thelen  
H. S. ...  
Frank R. ...  
Commissioners.