

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 3750

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Woman's Club of Huntington Beach,
 Complainant,
 vs
 West Coast Gas Company,
 Defendant.

Case No. 894

Lewis W. Blodgett, for Complainant.

LeRoy M. Edwards, for Defendant.

By the Commission.

O P I N I O N

This case being at issue on complaint and answer on file, was heard on December 14, 1915, and submitted by the parties after a full investigation of the matter.

After the usual allegations as to the status of the defendant and the public utility service which it undertook to render, the complaint alleges that the residents of Huntington Beach were, at frequent intervals and for considerable length of time, without gas, as none was furnished by the company, such periods extending from one hour to several days; that such poor service had continued for a period of several months, notwithstanding repeated requests to the company to improve such service.

Testimony in support of the allegations of the complaint was freely offered by many of the residents of Huntington Beach. In defense the company simply stated that it had no means by which to improve its service and was unable to secure such means.

It developed at the hearing that the company served the cities of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach and that said cities then had before the people, to be voted upon, bond issues for the purpose of installing municipal plants; that until said question was settled the company could not see its way clear to secure funds to improve its service. The complainant recognized the conditions and by agreement it was determined to hold the decision in this case open until the question of the building of the municipal plants had been settled. Since that time the bonds have been voted, issued and sold and the municipal plants are being built as an adjunct to the present installation, the cities aforesaid having purchased from West Coast Gas Company the system of that company and entered into an arrangement with the Southern Counties Gas Company to purchase gas from that company at the town limits and distribute it to the residents of the two cities.

Under such circumstances it is apparent that this case should be dismissed.

O R D E R

Any necessity for further proceedings in the above entitled case having been eliminated, as set forth in the Opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the complaint in this proceeding be and the same hereby is dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of October, 1916.

Max Thelen
H. J. ...
Alex ...
Edwin O. Edgerton
Commissioners.