

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 1853

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of	:	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for	:	
an increase in and a general adjust-	:	Application
ment in its rates and charges for	:	No. 1853
natural and artificial gas to be sold	:	
and distributed by it within portions	:	
of the counties of Los Angeles, San	:	
Bernardino and Riverside, in the State	:	
of California.	:	

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	:	
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Complainant	:	
vs.	:	Case No. 854
	:	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY and	:	
LOS ANGELES GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORA-	:	
TION	:	
Defendants.	:	

Wm. A. Cheney, Paul Overton and Herbert J. Goudge, for
Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corporation.
Jared How, for Southern California Gas Company.
Albert Lee Stephens, for the City of Los Angeles.
Clyde Woodworth, for the City of Inglewood and for the
City of Beverly Hills.
W. E. Evans, for the City of Glendale.
Geo. E. Farrand and Leonard B. Slosson, for the Cali-
fornia Tissue Mills and other industries.
L. O. Hatch, for the City of Eagle Rock.
Victor T. Watkins, for the City of Burbank.
Hartley Shaw, for the City of Tropic.
H. A. Decker, for the City of San Fernando.
Gesner Williams, for certain undisclosed consumers.

EDGERTON, Commissioner

OPINION ON REHEARING

Applications for rehearing of the order heretofore
made fixing the rates and the zones for Southern California

Gas Company were filed by the City of Los Angeles and the City of Glendale. Other incorporated cities were represented at the hearing on said applications and protested against the increase of rates fixed by the Commission for the service of gas by this company in their communities.

A discussion of these protests has been had in the decision this day made in the matter of the application for rehearing in application No. 1830 and for the same reasons the same action will be taken with regard to the rates fixed for these smaller communities.

There was filed at the hearing in this matter a protest by industrial consumers of natural gas attached to the system of this company against the Commission in any wise recognizing the ordinance recently passed by the City of Los Angeles whereby it is proposed to compel this company as well as others operating in the City of Los Angeles to serve all consumers of gas, both domestic and industrial, with natural gas unmingled with artificial gas. These protestants take the ground that if domestic consumers were served with natural gas it would diminish the supply available for industrial consumers.

This protest need not be considered at this time as there is nothing before the Commission with relation to the service of natural gas to domestic consumers in the City of Los Angeles.

If at any time the matter of natural gas and rates therefor comes before the Commission these protestants may then appear and be heard.

For the same reasons set forth in the decision this day made in the matter of the application for rehearing in application No. 1830 I recommend that the order heretofore made in this matter be modified so that the same rate area or zones applying to the City of Los Angeles which was fixed therein for the service of gas by Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation be established for Southern California Gas Company and that the same rates as fixed in said area for said company be fixed for said Southern California Gas Company and that in all other respects the order heretofore made in this matter be made effective without change.

At the hearing representatives of Beverly Hills requested that it be made clear that the rates fixed for district No. 3 of Southern California Gas Company be applied to consumers in that community. The doubt as to whether the rates heretofore fixed applied to Beverly Hills arose because subsequent to the submission of the case and application herein, Southern California Gas Company acquired the property of the company which theretofore had served Beverly Hills and there was some doubt as to whether the rates fixed by the Commission or the rates charged by the predecessor company would be in effect.

I recommend as to this that the rates herein fixed include the City of Beverly Hills.

For the sake of clarity and simplicity the rates for the districts are restated as amended.

O R D E R

The Railroad Commission having heretofore, on August 21, 1917, made and filed its Opinion and Order herein and the City of Los Angeles and the City of Glendale having petitioned

for a rehearing, and the Railroad Commission having thereafter extended the effective date of said order of August 21, 1917, pending its final conclusion on the petitions for rehearing, and evidence and argument having been received at public hearings on the question of whether rehearing should be granted and parties having stipulated that the evidence and arguments thus submitted should be considered to be the evidence and arguments which should be submitted in case a rehearing was granted, and the Commission having given careful consideration to all the evidence herein presented and the matter now being ready for decision;

The Railroad Commission hereby finds as a fact that the rates herein prescribed to be charged by Southern California Gas Company in the various districts set forth are just and reasonable rates and that the rates now charged by Southern California Gas Company are unjust and unreasonable in so far as they differ from the rates herein established.

Basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and upon the additional findings of fact which are contained in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The petition of the City of Los Angeles for rehearing is hereby denied.
2. The petition of the City of Glendale for rehearing is hereby denied.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Gas Company file with the Railroad Commission within twenty days from the date of this order and make effective for all meter readings made on and after December 5, 1917 the following schedules for rates for gas:

GAS RATE SCHEDULE NO. I

TERRITORY:

This schedule applies to Rate District No. I, which includes the following territory:

That portion of the City of Los Angeles designated as follows:

- (a) Original City as incorporated in 1850.
- (b) Extension of June 1, 1869.
- (c) City of Hollywood Addition.
- (d) East Hollywood Addition.
- (e) Colegrove Addition.
- (f) Western Addition.
- (g) University Addition.
- (h) Palms Addition east of N. and S. Section line extended, between Sec. No. 16 and Sec. No. 17, Twp. 1 S., R. 14 W., S. B. B. & M.
- (i) Southern Addition.
- (j) Shoestring Addition north of Northern Section line of Sec. 31, 32 and 33, Twp. 2 S., R. 13 W., and Sec. 35 and 36, Twp. 2 S., R. 14 W., S. B. B. & M.
- (k) Bairdstown Addition.
- (l) Highland Park Addition.
- (m) Garvanza Addition.
- (n) Arroyo Seco Addition.
- (o) Occidental Addition.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

This schedule applies to sale of "815 B.T.U." gas for domestic and commercial service for lighting, cooking, heating, etc.

RATE:

First	5,000	cu.ft.	per	meter	per	mo.	..	68¢	per	1,000	cu.ft.
Next	5,000	"	"	"	"	"	..	65¢	"	"	"
"	15,000	"	"	"	"	"	..	55¢	"	"	"
"	25,000	"	"	"	"	"	..	50¢	"	"	"
All over	50,000	"	"	"	"	"	..	45¢	"	"	"

MINIMUM BILL:

Minimum monthly bill per meter for domestic service for flats and apartments where four (4) or more meters are continuously served in one location and on one service, 35¢

Minimum monthly bill per meter for domestic and commercial service other than above, 50¢

GAS RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2

TERRITORY:

This schedule applies to Rate District No. II, which includes the following territory:

- Incorporated territory of
(a) City of Glendale.
(b) City of Tropic.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

This schedule applies to sale of "815 B.T.U." gas for domestic and commercial service for lighting, cooking, heating, etc.

RATE:

First	3,000 cu.ft.	per meter per mo.	..	80¢	per 1,000 cu.ft.
Next	7,000 "	" " " " "	..	70¢	" " "
"	15,000 "	" " " " "	..	60¢	" " "
"	25,000 "	" " " " "	..	50¢	" " "
All over	50,000 "	" " " " "	..	45¢	" " "

MINIMUM BILL:

Minimum monthly bill per meter for domestic service for flats and apartments where four (4) or more meters are continuously served in one location and on one service, 35¢

Minimum monthly bill per meter for domestic and commercial service other than above, 50¢

GAS RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3

TERRITORY:

This schedule applies to Rate District No. III, which includes the following territory:

- (1) That part of the City of Los Angeles not included in District No. I served by Southern California Gas Company.
- (2) Incorporated territory of
 - (a) Eagle Rock.
 - (b) Vernon.
- (3) All incorporated and unincorporated territory which is served by Southern California Gas Company, and not included or listed in Districts I and II.

GAS RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3 (Cont'd)

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

This schedule applies to sale of "815 B.T.U." gas for domestic and commercial service for lighting, cooking, heating, etc.

RATE:

First	3,000	cu.ft.	per meter	per mo.	..	85¢	per 1,000	cu.ft.
Next	7,000	"	"	"	..	70¢	"	"
"	15,000	"	"	"	..	60¢	"	"
"	25,000	"	"	"	..	50¢	"	"
All over	50,000	"	"	"	..	45¢	"	"

MINIMUM BILL:

Minimum monthly bill per meter for domestic service for flats and apartments where four (4) or more meters are continuously served in one location and on one service, 35¢

Minimum monthly bill per meter for domestic and commercial service other than above, 50¢

GAS RATE SCHEDULE NO. 4

NATURAL GAS

TERRITORY:

This schedule applies to all territory not included in Districts Nos. I and II served with natural gas, including:

- Incorporated territory of
- (a) San Fernando.
 - (b) Burbank.
 - (c) Compton.
 - (d) Vernon.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

This schedule applies to sale of natural gas for domestic and commercial service for lighting, cooking, heating, etc.

GAS RATE SCHEDULE NO. 4 (Cont'd)

RATE:

First	5,000 cu.ft.	per meter per mo.	..	85¢	per 1,000 cu.ft.
Next	5,000 "	" " " " "	..	75¢	" " "
"	15,000 "	" " " " "	..	65¢	" " "
"	25,000 "	" " " " "	..	55¢	" " "
"	50,000 "	" " " " "	..	45¢	" " "
All over	100,000 "	" " " " "	..	40¢	" " "

MINIMUM BILL:

Minimum monthly bill per meter for domestic service for flats and apartments where four (4) or more meters are continuously served in one location and on one service, 35¢

Minimum monthly bill per meter for domestic and commercial service other than above, 50¢

GAS RATE SCHEDULE S-1

SURPLUS NATURAL GAS

TERRITORY:

This schedule applies to entire territory traversed by natural gas mains where capacity of mains is sufficient to supply demands without detriment to existing service.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE:

This schedule applies only to the sale of excess natural gas for industrial use in internal combustion engines, and for industrial use in packing houses, canneries, ice plants, laundries, machine shops, foundries, etc., whose hours or period of heavy demand, if any, are not coincident with the heavy demand of the domestic consumers. This is not applicable to heating of hotels, apartments, flats or residences. Service is subject to discontinuance without notice in case of shortage of gas, in which case service to domestic and commercial consumers and service to other utilities for domestic and commercial consumers shall have precedence over this service.

RATE:

Where the consumer guarantees a monthly minimum of \$75.00
the rate will be 30¢ per 1,000 cu.ft.
Where the consumer guarantees a monthly minimum of \$150.00
the rate will be 25¢ per 1,000 cu.ft.
Where the consumer guarantees a monthly minimum of \$200.00
the rate will be 20¢ per 1,000 cu.ft.

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 19th
day of November, 1917.

Mar. Thelen

W. B. ...

Edwin O. Edgerton

Commissioners.