

Decision No. _____

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Decision No. 5180

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of)
SAN DIEGO CONSOLIDATED GAS AND ELEC-)
TRIC COMPANY for an order authoriz-)
ing an increase in the rates charg-)
ed for gas.)

Application No. 3294.

BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION ON PETITION FOR FURTHER HEARING.

On February 28, 1918, the Railroad Commission made and filed its Decision No. 5158 in this proceeding. The decision was made subsequent to public hearing in the City of San Diego and after report prepared by the Railroad Commission's Gas and Electric Division had been served on all parties of record and after city attorneys representing the cities of San Diego, National City, Coronado, Chula Vista and Escondido had advised the Railroad Commission, subsequent to the examination of said report, that they did not desire a further hearing herein.

On February 28, 1918, a number of consumers of gas filed herein a petition for a further hearing.

Petitioners allege that they desire to draw the attention of the Railroad Commission to the favorable financial condition of San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company for the year ending July 31, 1917. During this period and subsequent thereto until December 31, 1917, the Gas Company purchased its oil for 75 cents per barrel. As shown in said Decision No. 5158, the cost of oil to the Gas Company increased on January 1, 1918, to \$1.60 per barrel and on January 12, 1918, to \$1.62 per barrel. As further shown in said Decision, if the 1918 price of oil had been in effect in 1917 and the unaccounted for gas had been 16.5 per cent, the Gas Company would have paid for this item

alone the additional sum of \$144,300.00, being 20.6¢ for each 1000 cubic feet of gas sold more than the cost in 1917.

Petitioners also allege their desire to present evidence as to the actual cost to San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company of manufacturing gas as well as with reference to the contract made between the company and the United States Government with reference to the supply of gas and electricity to the army cantonment at Camp Kearny. These matters were all fully considered by the Railroad Commission before rendering said Decision No. 5158.

No good reason appears why a further hearing should be held in this proceeding. The petition for further hearing should be denied.

O R D E R.

Certain consumers of gas from San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company having filed herein on February 28, 1918, a petition for a further hearing, careful consideration having been given to said petition and no good reason appearing why such further hearing should be held,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said petition be and the same is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of March, 1918.

Max Helem
Alex Gordon
Frank DeWitt
Commissioners.