

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of A. A. Weber, for preliminary certificate that Public Convenience and Necessity require the exercise of a right under a franchise applied for to the City of Fowler, and for an order authorizing said A. A. Weber to commence construction of a Gas Plant within said City of Fowler.

Application No. 757

Edwards and Smith for applicant.

EDGERTON, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

This is an application by A. A. Weber for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the construction and operation of a gas generating and distributing plant in the City of Fowler and for an order authorizing said A. A. Weber to exercise rights and privileges under a franchise from the City of Fowler which he contemplates securing and for which he has made application, but which has not yet been granted.

Fowler is an incorporated town of about 1500 inhabitants, and there is no gas or similar service being furnished there at this time.

The members of the Board of Trustees, appeared at the hearing and declared that there was great need of a gas service, and that inquiry among the residents showed a strong desire for the installation of such service. Furthermore, these city officials stated that Weber had applied to the Board of Trustees for a franchise for the installation and operation of a gas plant in the city, said franchise to contain a provision that gas shall be furnished at not to exceed \$1.25 per thousand feet, and that the members of the Board were unanimous

in favor of granting such franchise.

Weber proposes to construct and install a gas generating and distributing system adequate to serve one thousand consumers, at a cost of between \$17,000 and \$20,000.

I recommend that the application be granted, and submit herewith the following form of order:

O R D E R

Application having been made to the Railroad Commission of the State of California by A. A. Weber for an order authorizing the exercise of rights and privileges under a franchise from the City of Fowler, to construct and operate a gas plant in said city, which has not yet been granted, but which said A. A. Weber contemplates securing and for which he had made application, and for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the construction and operation of a gas generating and distributing plant in said city of Fowler, and a hearing having been duly held and it appearing to the Commission that said application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Commission will, upon the presentation to it of a franchise for the construction and operation of a gas generating and distributing plant, duly granted by the City of Fowler to said A. A. Weber, and satisfactory in form and terms to the Railroad Commission of the State of California, issue its certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise of rights and privileges under said franchise.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that public convenience and necessity require the construction and operation of a gas generating and distributing system in the City of Fowler, California.

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 23rd day of September, 1913.

H. B. Leonard

Max Thelen

Edwin O. Egerton

Commissioners.