Decision No. 26487

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California for an order authorizing each of the applicants to donate seventy-five per cent (75%) of the amount of gas bills in certain cases and to charge such donations to uncollectible accounts.

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) Application No. 19170

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION

This joint application of the utilities serving gas in the Los Angeles area is for the Commission's approval of a plan by which they legally may participate with certain relief agencies in the furnishing of necessities to unemployed and destitute families.

In conjunction with the work being undertaken by the Federal authorities for the relief of certain unemployed cooperative organizations, there utilities have offered to supply a limited amount of gas during the coming winter months and to donate seventy-five per cent of the charge therefor computed at regularly published rates. The plan contemplates that such unemployed cooperative relief units be registered with the Federal Relief Administrator as fully cooperative agencies,

and each family receiving the proposed assistance will be individually recommended by the Administrator and approved by the utilities. The applicants propose to enter the amount of such donations in their uncollectible accounts.

The Commission is of the opinion that this is not a matter that requires a formal hearing, and that the application of these utilities should be granted by ex parte order.

## ORDER

Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREEY ORDERED that the joint application herein of Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, Southern California Gas Company, and Southern Counties Gas Company of California for authority to render gas service to certain destitute persons, as described in their application and under the conditions therein set forth, be and the same is hereby granted.

Applicants shall keep a monthly memorandum record of all gas sales and all contributions made under the authority herein granted.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4 day of November 1933.

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