Decision No. 29178

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of COAST COUNTIES GAS AND ELECTRIC COM-PANY, a corporation, for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise of a right, privilege and franchise to sell and distribute gas for heat and power purposes and to sell and distribute electricity for heat and power purposes.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 20765

BY THE COMMISSION:

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In this application Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company asks this Commission to make its decision and order granting to applicant a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by applicant of the rights, privileges and franchises granted to it by Ordinances Nos. 119 and 120 of the City of Hollister, County of San Benito, copies of which are annexed to and made a part of the application.

Applicant alleges that it is now, and for many years past has been, furnishing gas and electric service to the inhabitants of the City of Hollister.

Applicant further alleges that the present and future public convenience and necessity require and will require that it exercise the rights, privileges and franchises granted to it by the aforesaid Ordinances Nos. 119 and 120 in order that applicantmay continue to furnish and supply gas and electricity to

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said City and the inhabitants thereof.

Applicant further alleges that no person, firm or public or private corporation, other than applicant, is now engaged in the public utility business of furnishing, distributing or selling gas or electricity for light, heat, power or other purposes to said City of Hollister or the inhabitants thereof.

It is the opinion of the Commission that this application should be granted and that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary.

ORDER

Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company having applied to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for an Order granting to applicant a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by applicant of the rights, privileges and franchises granted to it by Ordinances Nos. 119 and 120 above described, the Commission having considered the matter and being of the opinion that the application should be granted,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California Hereby Orders and Declares that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by Coast Counties Cas and Electric Company of the rights and privileges under the franchises granted to it by Ordinances Nos. 119 and 120 of the City of Hollister, County of San Benito as fully set forth and described in Exhibits "B" and "C" attached to and made a part of the application herein.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the above certification and authorization are subject to the following conditions and not

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otherwise:

- (1) That Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company shall file with this Commission on or before January 1, 1937 a stipulation, duly executed upon the authority of its Board of Directors, that applicant, its successors or assigns, will never claim before the Railroad Commission, or any other body or court, a value for said franchises in excess of the actual cost thereof.
- (2) Upon filing in proper form of the above stipulation, the Commission will issue its supplemental order authorizing the exercise of the rights conferred by the franchises above described.

The effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>131</u> day of

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October, 1936.

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