privilege granted it under franchise to construct, operate, alter, maintain and use a gas distribution and transmission system within the City of Taft, County of Kern, State of California. Bert B. Snyder, for Applicant. H. G. Baron, City Attorney, City of Taft. WAKEFIELD, COMMISSIONER: OPIXION Natural Gas Corporation of California requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity under Section 50(b) of the Public Utilities Act authorizing the exercise of the rights and privileges under the fifty (50) year gas franchise granted to it by Ordinance No. 67 (New Series) of the City Council of the City of Taft, County of Kern, adopted on July 19, 1937, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "B" to the application. Public hearing was held at Taft, California, on October 21, 1937. No one appeared to protest the granting of the application. According to applicant, it or its predecessors in interest, for many years last past, have been rendering gas service in the City of Taft and have used the public highways therein under and pursuant to the franchise granted by Section 19 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California as -1-

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it existed from 1885 to October 10, 1911.

Applicant now renders gas service in substantially all parts of the City of Taft and no other utility renders like service therein.

Applicant has stipulated that it, its successors or assigns, will never claim before the Railroad Commission, or any court or public body, any value for said franchise in excess of the actual cost thereof, which is Seventy-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$75.00), exclusive of the Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) fee for the filing of the present application.

ORDER

IT IS FOUND AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require, and Natural Gas Corporation of California is hereby granted a certificate to exercise the rights and privileges granted to it by Ordinance No. 67 (New Series) of the City of Taft.

This order shall be effective immediately.

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, San Francisco, California,

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