Decision No.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity under Section 50 of the Public Utilities Act, for authority to exercise the franchise acquired Section 50 of the City of Santa Ana by Ordinance No. 1061.

Joseph Sodoma, for Applicant.

L. W. Blodgett, City Attorney, City of Santa Ana.

WAKEFIELD, COMMISSIONER:

## OPINION

Southern Counties Cas Company 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 gas franchise granted to it by Ordinance No. 1061 of the City Council of the City of Santa Ana, County of Orange, adopted on March 21, 1938, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" to the application. Said franchise is for an indeterminate period, adopted pursuant to the Franchise Act of 1937.

Public hearing was held at Santa Ana, California, on April 28, 1938. No one appeared to protest the granting of the application.

According to testimony introduced on behalf of the applicant, applicant acquired the gas distribution system in the City of Santa Ana from Southern California Edison Company in the month of April, 1911, and in the month of April or May.

1913, it acquired a franchise for the use of the public highways of said City, which franchise expired in March, 1938.

Applicant now renders gas service in substantially all parts of the City of Santa Ana, 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 \$48.15, exclusive of the \$50.00 fee for the filing of the present application.

## ORDER

IT IS FOUND AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require, and Southern Counties Gas Company of California is hereby granted a certificate to exercise the rights and privileges granted to it by Ordinance No. 1061 of the City of Santa Ana.

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, May \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1938.