

Decision No. 32490

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of Santa Maria Gas Company for
authority to alter service in
the Town of Morro Bay by furnish-
ing natural gas in place of butane
gas and to change rates on less
than statutory notice.

Application No. 23066

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

This is an application of Santa Maria Gas Company, herein referred to sometimes as Applicant, for permission to substitute natural gas service in the Town of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County, wherein butane gas is now served and to make effective therein certain of its natural gas rate schedules.

It is Applicant's contention at this time that a number of residents and property owners of the Town of Morro Bay are desirous of receiving natural gas service and in support thereof has attached to this application a petition signed by eighty-seven persons residing in the vicinity of the Town of Morro Bay who have indicated their willingness to take such service if it were made available. A large majority of the consumers now receiving butane gas service are represented in the petition.

It is also Applicant's belief that upon the substitution of natural gas for butane gas service on or about November 1, 1939, an additional number of commercial establishments as well as residents will take advantage of the new service.

The territory covered by this application will be served from a transmission line connecting with Applicant's main transmission system between San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles.

Applicant requests permission to make effective in the territory in question its presently filed natural gas Schedules A-3, B-4 and B-4-s. In addition to making the above schedules effective in the Morro Bay area it will be necessary for Applicant to withdraw its butane Schedules No. AB-13 (C.R.C. Sheet No. 184-G) AB-14 (C.R.C. Sheet No. 187-G) and refile them with the Morro Bay territory deleted.

It appears that the introduction of natural gas service in the Morro Bay area will bring about substantial savings to those consumers presently being served with butane gas and that the application is in the best interests of the public and the utility and therefore should be granted. Good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Santa Maria Gas Company be authorized to institute in the Town of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County, natural gas service in place of the butane gas service being supplied at the present time.

The authorization herein granted is subject to the following conditions and not otherwise:

- (1) That Santa Maria Gas Company shall, coincident with the cutover to natural gas service, take meter readings and render closing bills based on existing rates to all consumers being served butane gas in the Morro Bay area.
- (2) That Santa Maria Gas Company shall, coincident with the changeover to natural gas service and upon one (1) day's notice to the Commission, make effective in the Morro Bay area the following listed filed schedules of natural gas rates and charges, namely:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Sheets C.R.C. No.</u>
A-3	Original 191-G
B-4	Revised 193-G
B-4-s	Revised 194-G

The foregoing schedules shall be applied to all monthly meter readings taken subsequent to the changeover.

- (3) That Santa Maria Gas Company shall withdraw and cancel its Schedules No. AB-13 (C.R.C. Sheet No. 184-G) and AB-14 (C.R.C. Sheet No. 187-G) and refile them after deleting the Morro Bay territory therefrom, said filing to be made not less than one (1) day prior to the effective date thereof.

Except as herein otherwise provided the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco this 24th day of October

1939.

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Francis R. [unclear]
Paul King
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Justin D. [unclear]
Commissioners