DECISION NO. 20505

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company for a Certificate that Public Convenience and Necessity Require the Exercise of Rights and Privileges Granted to it by Ordinance 17 of the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

MRAMAN Application No. 2367

T. J. Reynolds and L. T. Rice, by Neil G. Locke, for Applicant

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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Southern California Gas Company has applied for authority to exercise rights and privileges pertaining to gas service expressed in a franchise granted it by the City of Palos Verdes Estates, Los Angeles County, California. This franchise is one authorized by the Franchise Act of 1937 and is in lieu of an asserted franchise under which applicant, or its predecessors in interest, have rendered gas service in that city for many years.

A public hearing on the application was held at which time the applicant stated the cost of the franchise was \$65.81, exclusive of the \$50.00 fee for filing the present application. According to the testimony introduced on behalf of the applicant, it is evident that the requested authority should be given.

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IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require, and will require, and Southern California Gas Company is hereby granted a certificate for the exercise of the rights and privileges granted it by the City of Palos Verdes Estates, Los Angeles County, California, under its Ordinance No.

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17 adopted July 2, 1940. This grant is subject to the condition, however, that Southern California Gas Company, its successors or assigns. will never claim before this Commission or any court or other public body, a value for the franchise or for the authority herein granted, in excess of the actual cost thereof.

This Order shall be effective immediately,

Dated at San Francisco, California, this // day of <u>letone</u>, 1940