

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 34220

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 ) Application No. 24082  
Rights and Privileges Granted to it )  
by Ordinance No. 322 of the City of )  
Torrance. )

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

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

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 Torrance, County of Los Angeles, California.

This franchise is one authorized by the Franchise Act of 1937, and is in lieu of other asserted franchises under which applicant or its predecessors in interest have rendered gas service in that city for many years. It is indeterminate in duration and provides that the grantee shall during the term thereof pay to the City of Torrance an amount not less than one per cent (1%) of the gross annual receipts derived by the grantee from the sale of gas within the limits of that city.

A public hearing on the application was held at Los Angeles on April 14, 1941, at which time applicant stated that the cost of the franchise was \$157.84, exclusive of the \$50.00 fee for filing the present application, and the publication of notice of hearing in the amount of \$3.80.

According to the testimony introduced on behalf of the applicant, it is evident that the requested authority should be given.

O R D E R

The application of Southern California Gas Company having been considered and,

IT BEING FOUND AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that Southern California Gas Company be and is hereby granted a certificate for the exercise of rights and privileges granted it by the City of Torrance, Los Angeles County, California, under its Ordinance No. 322, adopted February 25, 1941. 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of

May, 1941.

[Signature]  
Ray & Kiley  
Justus P. Caswell  
Francis C. Havens  
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COMMISSIONERS