

Decision No. 33495

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation, for an order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California authorizing applicant to enter into a written agreement with SPRECKELS SUGAR COMPANY, relating to the sale by the former and purchase by the latter for use in its plant near Woodland, Yolo County, California, of surplus natural gas.

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Application No. 23669

BY THE COMMISSION:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

In Decision No. 33495 of Application No. 23669, this Commission authorized Pacific Gas and Electric Company, hereinafter sometimes referred to as Applicant, to enter into a written agreement with Spreckels Sugar Company, hereinafter sometimes called Customer, for the sale and delivery of surplus natural gas to Customer for use in its sugar refinery located near Woodland, Yolo County, California.

The agreement previously referred to contained, in Section 5, certain rates predicated on the assumption of the delivery of gas from the Rio Vista field, said gas having an approximate average heating value of 1040 B.t.u. per cubic foot.

In this application, Applicant states that it has, for some time past, been furnishing surplus natural gas to Customer for use in its Woodland plant in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions of the original agreement but it now desires, at certain times, at least, to supply Customer with surplus natural gas to be obtained from the

Fairfield Knolls gas field, which field is located approximately eight miles west of the City of Davis in Yolo County and produces natural gas of an average heating value of approximately 940 B.t.u. per cubic foot.

Applicant requests that Section 5 of the original agreement authorized by Decision No. 33495 be modified to provide new rates for such gas as is sold and delivered from the Fairfield Knolls field as well as the original rates contained therein for the gas from the Rio Vista field. The modified agreement between the two parties is set forth in Exhibit "A," attached to and made a part of the application.

In the rates provided for the gas from the Fairfield Knolls field the rate blocks have been increased and the block rates decreased by the ratio of the average heating values of the two gases, namely 940 and 1040 B.t.u. per cubic foot. By means of this procedure Customer's billing will be the same for any given consumption of heat units regardless of which of the two gases is used in the Woodland plant.

No other changes in the original agreement authorized by Decision No. 33495 are proposed in the application.


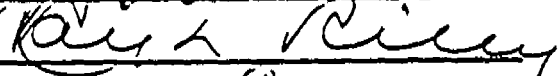
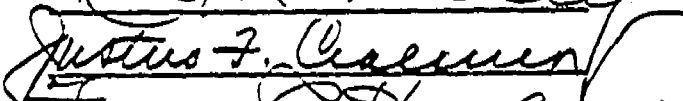
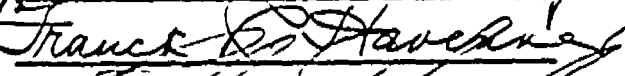

The Commission, having considered the request of Applicant and being of the opinion that the application should be granted, that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company be authorized to modify Section 5 of its agreement with Spreckels Sugar Company, which was approved by Decision No. 33495, by entering into the agreement with Spreckels Sugar Company, marked Exhibit "A," attached to the within application.

In all other respects Decision No. 33495 shall remain in full force and effect.

This Supplemental Opinion and Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California this 16th day of September, 1941.






 Commissioners.