

Decision No. 34848

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Emergency Rules, Regulations,
and Practices of Gas, Electric, Telephone, and
Water Utilities in Furtherance of National Defense.

Case No. 4619

BY THE COMMISSION:

FIRST INTERIM ORDER

The investigation of the Commission in this proceeding is for the purpose of determining what mandatory or permissive orders as to rules, regulations and practices of gas, electric, telephone, and water utilities should be made by this Commission as a result of exigencies arising out of the national emergency. Although it is contemplated that hearings will be held as necessary from time to time, it is apparent that immediate relaxation of certain extension rules is necessary at this time because of a shortage of vital materials.

The President of the United States has proclaimed a national emergency, and Congress has enacted certain legislation to promote the national defense, and executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations have been issued governing the purchase of materials by public utilities and the use of materials for the extension of utility services and maintenance of its facilities. This Commission is aware that public utilities will be unable to comply fully with provisions of their existing rules and regulations governing service, connections and extensions and immediate modification of such rules appears to be necessary in order that such utilities may comply with the laws, executive proclamations, executive orders, or administrative orders of the National Government.

THEREFORE, good cause appearing and in the opinion of the Commission no public hearing being required,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows: each gas, electric, water, and telephone utility shall file with this Commission within 30 days and make effective five (5) days thereafter a supplement to its existing rules and regulations in substantially the form shown in Exhibit A attached.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission be advised weekly as to service applications which under this Order have been refused.

This Order shall be effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day
of December, 1941.

Justus J. Casner
Francis R. Haverly
Richard E. Leach
Commissioners.

EMERGENCY RULE AND REGULATION A-1
IN COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

In order to comply with the laws of the United States with respect to National Defense, and the executive and administrative proclamations and orders made thereunder, each rule or regulation of this utility now on file with the Railroad Commission respecting the making of service connections and extensions shall be taken as suspended or modified, except as to applicants for service who possess defense priority ratings, to the extent necessary to permit this utility to comply with all such national defense laws and orders, and until this emergency rule and regulation shall be amended by authority of the Railroad Commission of the State of California, this utility will to the extent of its ability furnish service to applicants not possessing priority ratings in the following order:

1. Service connections which can be made without a line extension.
2. Line extensions and service connections with least material requirements.
3. Line extensions and service connections that can be made within the free footage allowance.
4. Without the specific approval of the Railroad Commission, no extension of facilities or service connections will be made outside the existing service area of this utility, nor to any subdivision prior to building construction therein.

(To be inserted by utility)

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(To be inserted by C.R.C.)

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