

Decision No. 34868

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation
on the Commission's own motion into
the reasonableness of the rules pre-
scribed for the operation, mainte-
nance and inspection of gas holders
and vessels by General Order No. 94

Case No. 4380

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BY THE COMMISSION:

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

In Decision No. 32699 dated January 2, 1940, this Commission's General Order No. 94, pertaining to the operations, maintenance and inspection of gas holders and vessels was adopted and made effective as of April 1, 1940.

Section 4,a,(12) of General Order No. 94 pertains to the installation and operation of aviation warning lights and beacons on gas holders. In Decision No. 32936, the First Supplemental Opinion and Order in Case No. 4380, Section 4,a,(12) was revised to more nearly coincide with the recommendations of the United States Civil Aeronautics Administration. At the present time Section 4,a,(12) contains the following requirements:

"All lamps shall be enclosed in aviation red prismatic obstruction light globes and shall burn from sunset to sunrise."

The Congress of the United States has declared that a state of war exists and it is apparent that all possible protection must be taken against enemy air reconnaissance and raids. The red warning lights on gas holders afford ideal landmarks and these landmarks must be obliterated upon the enemy's approach. It is necessary, therefore, to revise the above clause in the interests of national security. Good cause appearing,

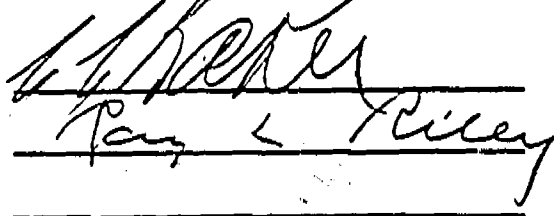
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above clause now contained in Section 4,a,(12) of General Order No. 94 be amended to read as follows:

All lamps shall be enclosed in aviation red prismatic obstruction light globes. All aviation warning lights shall burn from sunset to sunrise, except that during periods of blackout ordered by responsible military or civilian defense authorities all such lights shall be extinguished at once. In the case of aviation warning lights on holders which cannot be extinguished within a period of fifteen minutes after the blackout order is sounded, these lights shall be permanently extinguished for the duration of the war. Every effort should be made to keep warning lights operating on gas holders in the immediate vicinity of important airports, except during periods of blackout.


In all other respects Decisions Nos. 32699 and 32936 shall remain in full force and effect.

This supplemental order shall be effective immediately.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this ^{13th} ~~12th~~ day of December, 1941. HGM



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Commissioners