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Decision No. 36440.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
LAWTON AND HANNAMAN for Deviation
from California Railroad Commission
Interim Order and Opinion issued
December 16, 1941.

Application No. 25642.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application petitioners Lawton and Hannaman request that they be permitted to purchase gas from the Southern California Gas Company on a surplus basis and without the installation of stand-by equipment.

In support of petitioners' request, it is represented that they are in the business of crude oil production in the Southwest Quarter of Section 30-28-28, M.D.B.&M., Bakersfield, California, and that natural gas is desired to be used for the purpose of heating and shipping crude oil from storage tanks into the major oil companies' pipe lines for approximately seventy-two (72) hours per month. It is further represented that the War Production Board has approved the use of 96,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day without stand-by equipment. It is further the position of petitioners that, inasmuch as the use of gas is limited to such a comparatively short time each month, any curtailment of gas service that might be necessary would not interfere with their operations inasmuch as the shipment of oil could be delayed for the period of curtailment.

The request of petitioners represents a deviation from Southern California Gas Company's filed tariffs on surplus service and this Commission's Orders in Decisions Nos. 34797 and 35455, issued November 26, 1941, and June 9, 1942, respectively, wherein it is provided, among other things, that no new surplus service may be rendered without the customer providing the necessary auxiliary equipment and fuel supply unless approval be first obtained.

The Commission is of the opinion that the deviation requested is warranted provided strict compliance is made with all orders issued by the utility as to curtailment of service. The Commission is further of the opinion that the deviation should not extend beyond the war period, plus six (6) months, and that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is required and good cause appearing;

It Is Found As A Fact that the request of Lawton and Hannaman, to receive surplus gas service without stand-by for the purpose heretofore described, is warranted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Southern California Gas Company may render such service in accordance with the finding hereinbefore set forth and in accordance with its filed tariffs but without the stand-by requirement, provided, however, that the period of such service may not extend beyond the war plus six (6) months, unless otherwise authorized by this Commission.

The effective date of this Opinion and Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of June, 1943.

Francis R. Havenner

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Commissioners.