

Decision No. 36559

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 P. J. DIVIZICH, for permission to
 obtain service of surplus natural
 gas for industrial uses under the
 applicable surplus gas schedule or
 schedules of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 GAS COMPANY, a public utility, without
 standby fuel equipment and supply.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 25719

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application P. J. Divizich petitions the Commission for permission to be served with gas under the applicable surplus gas tariffs of the Southern California Gas Company without the necessity of installing and providing standby fuel installation and supply.

The Applicant respectfully shows that he is in the business of dehydrating prunes and raisins at his plant on Grand Avenue near Porterville in the County of Tulare, and that said plant has been and now is being served with natural gas by the Southern California Gas Company. It is further represented that in order to meet the demands imposed by the Federal Government to process a larger volume of produce he is now in the process of adding four new dehydrating tunnels which will require an estimated additional 114,000 cubic feet of gas daily. In this latter respect the Applicant states and evidences by Exhibits "A," "B," "AA," and "BB" that he has been granted permission by the War Production Board to deviate from that Board's Limitation Order L-31 to the extent that he may use the aforesaid daily volume of gas in the new tunnels of his dehydrating plant and without the necessity of installing standby fuel equipment.

Applicant further represents that his operations occur in the period between April 1 and November 30 when there is normally a sufficient supply of

gas and, further, that his operations are such that he will suspend and cease using gas whenever ordered to do so by the supplying utility.

The request made by Applicant represents deviation from the utility's tariffs and this Commission's Orders under Case No. 4591, wherein standby facilities are required as a precedent to receiving surplus gas service.

The Commission is aware that Applicant's petition is made in order to make possible an increased production of necessary food products and recognizes the inadvisability of requiring the use at this time of critical materials to provide adequate standby facilities.

The Commission is of the opinion that the requested deviation from said orders is justified under the present circumstances provided Applicant will conform strictly to the surplus tariffs and to the curtailment orders of the supplying utility, but that the deviation should not extend beyond the duration of the present war plus six months. It is of the further opinion that a public hearing in this application is not required and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern California Gas Company may render surplus gas service to P. J. Divizich at his plant in Porterville without his providing auxiliary standby equipment and fuels at the rates and under the conditions of appropriate filed tariffs to the extent of 114,000 cubic feet per day, the amount permitted by the War Production Board, provided that the period of such service shall not exceed the period of the present war plus six months unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

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

Dated San Francisco, California, this 17th day of August, 1943.

Frank C. Haven
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John F. Casper
Richard K. Kasper

Commissioners