

Decision No. 37600

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 PATHFINDER PETROLEUM COMPANY, a  
 California corporation, for an order  
 authorizing applicant to receive  
 surplus natural gas service from  
 Southern Counties Gas Company of  
 California.

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 26503

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application the Pathfinder Petroleum Company, a California corporation, requests authorization by the Railroad Commission of the State of California to receive surplus natural gas service at its refinery located in Los Alamitos, California, from Southern Counties Gas Company of California.

Applicant markets petroleum products and had previously been engaged in refining petroleum products. For these refining operations Applicant formerly received surplus natural gas service at the Los Alamitos refinery from Southern Counties Gas Company. The refinery is not operating at this time.

Recently the Applicant has entered into a contract with, and at the request of, Defense Supplies Corporation, an agency of the United States Government, for the purpose of securing crude oil to operate the refinery. The refinery products are needed for military use on the Pacific Coast.

In a supplemental application Applicant states that adequate standby facilities will be completed and available on or about the middle of January, 1945.

In accordance with Southern Counties Gas Company's Emergency Rule and Regulation No. A-5, entitled "Limitation Upon Surplus Natural Gas Service," filed August 1, 1943, under Decision No. 36518 surplus natural gas service was closed to new or former customers not then being served. Said rule and regulation

provides that the Railroad Commission may by rule, order or otherwise, establish or permit such exceptions from the conditions of the Emergency Rule and Regulation as it may consider just and reasonable.

Since there may be some doubt as to the exact date when applicant will have standby facilities installed and ready for use, and because applicant must be ready at the earliest possible date to take shutoff, the permissive authority hereinafter granted will lapse if such standby is not installed and ready for use during the current month.

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

IT IS ORDERED that Southern Counties Gas Company of California is hereby authorized under the conditions stated to render surplus natural gas service under the appropriate schedule to Pathfinder Petroleum Company at its refinery located at Los Alamitos, California.

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

Dated at ~~San Francisco~~ California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January

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Commissioners