

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Decision No. 37601

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In the Matter of the Application of the California Farm Bureau Federation for permission for the Southern California Gas Company to furnish and Gold Buckle Association to receive gas service under Schedule S-LE.

Application No. 26495.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

This is an application by the California Farm Bureau Federation requesting that the Southern California Gas Company be granted authority to render surplus natural gas service to the East Highland Packing House of the Gold Buckle Association.

The Gold Buckle Association is a non-profit association of producers of citrus fruit in the Highland District of San Bernardino County, maintained for the purpose of packing and marketing the citrus production of its members. Many of the members of the Gold Buckle Association are also members of the California Farm Bureau.

In 1942 and several years prior to that time the Gold Buckle Association received surplus natural gas service from Southern California Gas Company in conjunction with the processing of the citrus products for packing and shipping. However, the East Highland Packing House ceased operations during 1943 due to a crop failure. The plant again commenced operations in 1944 and has been receiving firm gas service from Southern California Gas Company under the appropriate schedule. The application states the Gold Buckle Association is thus placed at a disadvantage in relation to cost of operation as compared to its competitors. In this instance the temporary discontinuance of operations should not preclude the customer from resuming operations on its former service basis.

Under Southern California Gas Company's Emergency Rule and Regulation No. A-5, entitled "Limitations upon Surplus Natural Gas Service," in accordance with Decision No. 36518, surplus natural gas service was closed to new or former customers not now 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.

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 California Gas Company is hereby authorized to render surplus natural gas service under the appropriate schedule to the East Highland Packing House of the Gold Buckle Association.

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

Dated at San Francisco California, this 8th day of January

1945.

Richard Lachse
Justus J. Calverley
Francis E. Hill
James H. Lamm
L. Paul Hudson
Commissioners.