

Decision No. 37602

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SUNSET OIL COMPANY, a California
corporation, for an order authorizing
the sale by and the purchase from the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY of
surplus natural gas for industrial
purposes.

Application No. 26478.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Sunset Oil Company, a California corporation, requests that Southern California Gas Company be granted authority to render surplus natural gas service to the Applicant.

The Applicant operates a steam plant used for the purpose of heating and pumping fuel oil and, in addition, will supply steam to a crude oil topping plant now under construction. It is requested that gas also be supplied to auxiliary equipment used in connection with the topping plant and to two relief boilers.

It appears that the Sunset Oil Company operated its existing steam plant from July 1940 to December 1942 to heat and pump fuel oil for the Douglas Oil & Refining Company. About the middle of December 1942 the latter company sold its refinery, thus resulting in a shut-down of Applicant's facilities.

Applicant states that it will be required about January 1, 1945, to heat and deliver fuel oil to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The Applicant's steam plant will also be utilized in their topping plant operations. The use of natural gas for these purposes is requested to aid in the conservation of fuel oil.

It is stated in the application that adequate standby equipment is available to burn fuel oil during the periods of peak demands on the gas company's system, when Applicant must be ready to take shut-off.

In accordance with Southern California Gas Company's Emergency Rule and Regulation No. A-5, entitled "Limitation upon Surplus Natural Gas Service," surplus natural gas service was closed to new or former customers not being served at the time the Emergency Rule and Regulation was made effective. 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 granted permissive authority to render surplus natural gas service under the appropriate schedule to Sunset Oil Company's oil refinery.

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

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

1945.

Richard Kachre
Justus F. Cramer
Harold Owen
James F. Pender
Harold Johnson
Commissioners.