

Decision No. 37798

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Grant W. Bestman and Margaret Rodrigues
a co-partnership, doing business under
the fictitious firm style and name,
Model Steam Laundry for permission to
receive surplus gas service without the
installation of standby equipment.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 26545

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Grant W. Bestman and Margaret Rodrigues, a co-partnership doing business under the firm style and name, Model Steam Laundry, request a deviation from the currently effective surplus tariffs in order that Applicants may purchase and Southern California Gas Company sell gas under the appropriate surplus gas tariffs which are now closed.

According to the application, Applicants have leased for a period of five years the facilities of one T. Chiono, evacuated from the Pacific Coast because of his Japanese ancestry. T. Chiono formerly operated these facilities under the name Yokohama Laundry.

Prior to the discontinuance of operations in May, 1942, said Yokohama Laundry was served with natural gas without standby by the Southern California Gas Company under its appropriate surplus gas tariff. Applicants desire that gas service be resumed on the same basis as before the plant was closed.

The surplus tariffs of the Southern California Gas Company were closed to new customers and to new uses of old customers by Decision No. 36518 dated July 27, 1943. Under Decisions Nos. 34797 and 35455, previously made, gas service supplied on a curtailable basis required installation of an adequate, usable standby fuel supply. To permit Applicants to receive surplus

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gas service under the conditions set forth in their application will constitute a deviation from the utility's filed tariffs and this Commission's orders.

Under the circumstances, particularly since the operation of this plant was discontinued for reasons beyond the control of the owner and as a result of action of the Federal Government, it appears that permission should be given Southern California Gas Company to render surplus gas service to Applicants. However, this is contingent upon the Petitioners' full compliance with any shutoff orders the utility may issue; and it is understood that it will not demand continuous gas service during any curtailment period even though operations might be interrupted.

The Commission having considered the request of Applicants 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 under the conditions stated to render surplus natural gas service under the appropriate schedule to the Model Steam Laundry at 132 E. 6th Street, Hanford, California.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th
day of April, 1945.

Harold Rudman
Justice F. Coakley
Richard L. Lusk
Francis E. Carr
Irving Lawrence
Commissioners.