

Decision No. 37804

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
San Valle Tile Kilns for permission
and rate for surplus gas.

Application No. 26539

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application San Valle Tile Kilns requests a deviation from the currently effective surplus tariffs in order that Applicant may purchase and Southern California Gas Company sell gas under the appropriate surplus gas tariffs which are now closed.

According to the application, San Valle Tile Kilns is engaged in the business of manufacturing roofing tile, and for a period of two years its plant has been closed due to the fact that its stock of merchandise was adequate to preclude operation during the war period. Applicant has now disposed of its entire stock and desires to resume the manufacture of roofing tile.

Prior to the closing of Applicant's plant two years ago, gas service was rendered under appropriate surplus schedules without standby, and now Applicant desires that service be resumed on the same basis as before.

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

In view of the unusual circumstances which have brought about the cessation of Applicant's normal operations, it appears that permission should be

given Southern California Gas Company to again render surplus gas service to Applicant. However, this is contingent upon the Petitioner's full compliance with any shut-off orders the utility may issue; and it is understood that it will not demand continuous gas service during any curtailment period even though production might be interrupted and loss of materials might be involved.

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 for meter readings on and after March 27, 1945, Southern California Gas Company is hereby authorized under the conditions stated to render surplus natural gas service under the appropriate schedule to San Valle Tile Kilns, whose plant is located at 6601 Wilbur Street, Roseda, 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
Justus F. Casper
Richard L. Karcher
Frank O. Carr
Walter Lawrence
(Commissioners)