

Decision No. 37874

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
WHITTIER WATER COMPANY and THE TEXAS  
COMPANY for an Order Authorizing  
Execution of Oil and Gas Lease.

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 26635

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Whittier Water Company, a corporation, is engaged in supplying water as a public utility in the vicinity of Whittier, Los Angeles County. Among other properties which it owns are the two following parcels of land situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2 of Tract 3159 as said Tract is shown on a map recorded in Book 35, page 73 of Maps, in the Office of the Recorder of said County, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the Easterly triangular portion of said Lot 2 having a width of 0.54 feet on the Southerly Line of said Lot.

ALSO EXCEPTING that portion of Lot 1 lying Northeasterly of the following described line:

Beginning at a point on the Northerly line of said Lot 1, said Northerly line having a bearing of North 59°39'30" East 2461.60 feet, said point of beginning being distant South 59°39'30" West, 1840.39 feet from the most Northerly corner of said Lot 1; thence South 86°15' East, 176.02 feet; thence Southeasterly on a straight line to the Northeasterly corner of said Lot 2, and containing after said exceptions 43.54 acres, more or less.

Applicant asks permission to lease its underground oil and gas rights on said land to The Texas Company for a period of twenty (20) years in accordance with the terms and conditions of the oil and gas lease on file in this application. On the land are located three of applicant's producing water wells. The lease

provides for the protection of applicant's water rights, water production facilities, and public utility obligations. The Texas Company agrees to comply with the regulations of the Division of Oil and Gas of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of California in protecting all fresh water strata which may be encountered in the drilling of any wells on the leased property.

It appearing that this is not a matter on which a hearing is necessary, and that this application should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Whittier Water Company may, after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1945, lease to The Texas Company its oil and gas rights in the foregoing parcels of land and join in the execution of the oil and gas lease on file in this application.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted will become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days after the execution of said oil and gas lease, Whittier Water Company shall file with the Railroad Commission a certified copy of the oil and gas lease executed under the authority herein granted.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1945.

David Anderson  
Justice F. Cooney  
Richard Kach  
Francis Ann  
Ben H. Howell  
 Commissioners.