

Decision No: 22422

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE TEXAS COMPANY, a corporation,
Complainant,

vs:

SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF
CALIFORNIA, a corporation,
Defendant.

ORIGINAL

Case No. 4773

OPINION AND ORDER

In this complaint, it is requested that Defendant be required to render natural gas service to Complainant under appropriate surplus gas schedules for use in certain of the latter's petroleum refining operations at Wilmington, California, to the extent of not to exceed 3,000,000 cubic feet per day.

Complainant is engaged in the business of refining petroleum products, the greater part of which is for use by the armed forces. It is represented that the substitution of gas for a portion of the present fuel oil requirements will assist in meeting demands for fuel oil by the armed forces.

Attached to the complaint as Exhibit "A" is a copy of a letter dated June 6, 1945 from the War Production Board granting Complainant relief from the restrictions of paragraph (d) of Utilities Order No. U-7, as amended, authorizing Defendant to deliver and Complainant to receive not more than 3,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day, with the provision that adequate standby facilities be maintained.

The complaint further sets forth that adequate standby fuels and facilities are available and will be maintained in readiness for operation at all times, and a copy of a certification to that effect to the War Production Board, dated June 13, 1945, is attached as Exhibit "B."

Complainant further states that at the present time transport gas is being received through the facilities of Pacific Lighting Corporation, a transporting agency associated with Defendant. It is further represented that the present distribution facilities of Pacific Lighting Corporation are adequate to deliver the service herein requested.

Under Defendant's Emergency Rule and Regulation No. A-5, effective August 1, 1943, among other prohibitions it is provided in effect that surplus industrial gas service is closed to new uses of the nature contemplated in this petition unless this Commission, by appropriate rule or order, permits an exception to be made.

The Commission having considered the request and it being of the opinion that the exception asked for should be granted, that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary, and sufficient cause appearing, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Southern Counties Gas Company, under the conditions stated, render natural gas service under appropriate surplus gas schedules to The Texas Company, at its refinery located at Wilmington, California.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of August, 1945.

David Anderson
Justice F. Casper
Richard L. Haskins
Francis W. Davis
Joseph P. ...
(Commissioners)