

Decision No. 38214

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ORIGINAL**

Investigation of Gas Utility Schedules,  
Rules, Regulations and Contracts,  
Relating to Sale of Surplus Natural Gas.

Case No. 4591

BY THE COMMISSION:

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

WHEREAS, the second ordering paragraph in this Commission's Decision No. 34797, as amended by Decision No. 37467, dated November 9, 1944, laid down and specified certain requirements in reference to the conditions under which essential war customers of respondent utilities could again return to surplus gas service, and

WHEREAS, Southern Counties Gas Company and Southern California Gas Company under date of June 25, 1945 make formal request for a change in the above referred to decision, and

WHEREAS, under this date this Commission by supplemental order in Applications No. 25705 and 25706 is ~~permitting the cancellation of Emergency~~ Rule and Regulation No. A-5 of the Southern Counties Gas Company and Southern California Gas Company, and it appearing that the war emergency requirements are essentially over, therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the second ordering paragraph of the order in the Commission's Decision No. 34797 be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:





"IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that each of said gas corporations shall strictly enforce their existing gas shutoff rule or rules except in so far as expressly prohibited by a regulation or order issued under authority of the National Government. If an existing surplus gas customer shall not have available other sources of fuel supply, but shall be entitled by virtue of a regulation or order issued by the National Government to the continuance of uninterrupted gas service, the obligation of the utility to supply gas to such customer under its surplus gas rate schedules shall cease upon the date the utility gives notice that, except for the prohibition contained in such regulation or order of the National Government, it would on that date have shut off the customer's gas service because of an insufficient

supply of surplus gas in accordance with the provisions of such gas tariffs on file with the Commission. After the utility shall have given such written notice, it shall not render gas service to such customers at the rates provided in its surplus gas schedules unless and until these conditions are met:

- "(a) Customers shall have provided other sources of usable standby fuel; or
- "(b) (1) Customers shall have taken service, after transferring from surplus to firm, for not less than one (1) year at the firm rates; and
- "(2) Each respondent utility shall be satisfied that the customer making application for surplus service is not then a war industry and/or an essential civilian service; or
- "(c) The consent of this Commission first be obtained."

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <sup>19<sup>th</sup></sup> day of September, 1945.

  
  
  
  
Commissioners