

Decision No. 38778

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
N. E. WALTENSPIEL, an individual, doing
business under the firm and style name
of RUSSIAN RIVER GAS CO. for permission
to execute deed of trust, etc.

) Application
No. 27316.

OPINION AND ORDER

N. E. Waltenspiel, doing business under the firm name and style of Russian River Gas Co., has applied to the Railroad Commission for permission to issue a note in the principal amount of \$25,000 to complete the installation and construction of a gas distributing system and secure the payment of said note by the execution of a deed of trust, a mortgage of chattels and an assignment of a franchise.

By the order in Decision No. 38332, dated October 30, 1945, in Application No. 26964, the Commission authorized applicant to exercise the rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No. 229 of the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County, and to construct, operate and maintain gas mains and facilities in and about Guerneville. The record in Application No. 26964 shows that it is applicant's intention to acquire, construct and operate facilities for the distribution of liquefied petroleum gas, which facilities would include a parcel of land, a propane storage tank, gas-air vaporizer units, a warehouse building and a distribution system consisting of approximately three miles of 2-inch and 4-inch mains and 239 services, together with general

office furniture and equipment, all at an estimated cost of \$56,015, segregated as follows:

Land - plant site	\$4,000
Production facilities and building	11,000
Distribution system	39,815
Office equipment and supplies	1,200
Total	<u>\$56,015</u>

Applicant reports that it is necessary for him to borrow the sum of \$25,000 to complete the installation and construction of the facilities and that he has made arrangements to obtain the sum from Warner Staley of Santa Rosa. To evidence the loan, he asks permission to issue to said Warner Staley a promissory note in the amount of \$25,000, payable in annual installments of \$5,000 or more, with interest at the rate of 4 percent per annum on the unpaid principal; and execute, to secure the payment of said note, a deed of trust of certain real property; a mortgage of chattels covering distribution facilities; and an assignment of the franchise awarded applicant by the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County. Copies of said documents are on file in this application as Exhibits "A"; "B"; and "C", respectively.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary; that the requests of applicant should be granted, as herein provided; that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for through the issue of the note is reasonably required for the purpose specified herein, which purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income, therefore.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. N. E. Waltenspiel, after the effective date hereof and on or before May 15, 1946, may execute a deed of trust, a mortgage of chattels and an assignment of a franchise in, or substantially in, the same form as the deed of trust, mortgage of chattels and assignment of franchise filed in this proceeding as Exhibits "A", "B" and "C", respectively, and may execute a note in the principal amount of \$25,000 in the same form as the note attached to Exhibit "A" filed in this proceeding, for the purpose of obtaining funds to finance in part the cost of installing and constructing the gas distributing facilities referred to herein.

2. N. E. Waltenspiel shall keep such record of the issue of the note herein authorized and of the disposition of the proceeds as will enable him to file, on or before the 25th day of each month, a verified report as required by the Commission's General Order No. 24-A, which order, insofar as applicable, is made a part of this order.

3. The authority herein granted will become effective when applicant has paid the fee prescribed by Section 57 of the Public Utilities Act, which fee is Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

4. N. E. Waltenspiel shall file with the Commission, within thirty (30) days after their execution, a copy of said deed of trust, a copy of said mortgage of chattels and a copy of said assignment of the franchise.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 19th day
of March, 1946.

Harold Anderson

Frank Gove

Sayyid Hussain

Harold Hulz
Commissioners

