

Decision No. 39382

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA for an order authorizing it to defer increases in its gas rates as a result of 25 cents per barrel increase in posted price of fuel oil effective April 1, 1943.

Application No. 25579

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, etc.

Application No. 25580

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, etc.

Application No. 25581

In the Matter of the Application of COAST COUNTIES GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, etc.

Application No. 25583  
Application No. 27382

Case No. 4591

ORDER ON PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Petitioner, Paul A. Porter, Administrator of the Office of Price Administration, an administrative officer of the United States Government, having filed his petition for leave to intervene in the above captioned proceedings and the Commission having duly considered said petition, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

a. That said petition in so far as it requests this Commission to enter its order herein authorizing the utilities involved in these proceedings to defer increases in gas rates pursuant to the operation of fuel oil clauses in the tariffs of said utilities is hereby denied.

b. That said petition in so far as it requests this Commission to institute an investigation into the rates, charges, rules, and regulations of the utilities involved in the above cap-

tioned proceedings to determine whether an increase in the rates and charges presently prevailing is necessary to produce a fair rate of return is hereby denied.

c. That petitioner's request to intervene in the above captioned proceedings for the purpose of contesting the going into effect of the automatic increases in the gas rates of the utilities involved in these proceedings, pursuant to the operation of fuel oil clauses contained in the gas tariffs of these utilities, is hereby denied.

d. Petitioner is hereby granted the right to intervene in any and all of the above captioned proceedings if and when any further hearings in said proceedings may eventuate in the future.

The foregoing order shall become effective ten days from and after the date hereof.

Dated, San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of September, 1946.

Harold Kula

Justus F. Cramer

Thomas J. Egan

Earl A. Hancock

G. Z. Johnson

Commissioners.