

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 43581

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

<p>In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA for authorization to deviate from its filed Rule and Regulation No. 21 - Extension of Gas Service.</p>)
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Application No. 30682

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application, Southern Counties Gas Company of California requests authority to render gas service to the Union Housing Plan, Inc., in Tract No. 15214, in the Venice area of the City of Los Angeles, under conditions somewhat at variance with applicant's filed Rule and Regulation No. 21, Extension of Gas Service.

The buildings to be erected are of the commercial type, consisting of 795 dwelling units in 63 buildings. It is the intention of the Union Housing Plan, Inc., to deed the streets to the City of Los Angeles upon completion of the project:

Applicant's Rule and Regulation No. 21 provides that it will, at its own expense, install service piping from the main in the street to the property line. However, in this instance, applicant proposes to extend service piping to each meter location. It has entered into a letter agreement, dated October 4, 1949, with the Union Housing Plan, Inc., whereby it will bear the expense of installing the necessary mains and service piping to each meter location, and Union agrees to use gas exclusively and will install 30-gallon water heaters, wall furnaces, a combination range and refrigerator outlet in each family unit, and 50-gallon water heaters in each laundry unit.

The company's main extension rule, Rule and Regulation No. 20, permits it to invest in distribution main extensions four times the estimated annual revenues to be derived from such extensions, over and above the 175-foot allowance per customer contemplated for estimated annual revenues of \$40 or less. Since the total estimated investment for both mains and service piping to meter locations in this project will be about one-half the estimated annual revenue, and the investment per customer will be substantially less than the average for applicant's system, it is evident that the granting of this request will not place a burden on applicant's other customers.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Counties Gas Company of California is hereby authorized to deviate from its filed Rule and Regulation No. 21, Extension of Gas Service, to the extent that it be permitted to install, at its own expense, service piping to each meter location, provided the Union Housing Plan, Inc., installs the gas appliances and gas outlets as set forth in its letter agreement with applicant, dated October 4, 1949.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of December, 1949.

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Commissioners