Decision No. 46513



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, a corporation, and SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, a corporation, under Section 50(b) of the Public Utilities Act of the State of California, for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise of the rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No. 1095 of the City of Inglewood, California.

Application No. 32664

T. J. Reynolds and Harry P. Letton, Jr., for applicants.

OPINION

Southern California Gas Company, hereinafter referred to as the California Company, and Southern Counties Gas Company of California, hereinafter referred to as Counties Company, in this joint application ask for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the City of Inglewood, permitting the installation, maintenance, and the use of a gas pipe line in a limited portion of the city, as more particularly set forth in Ordinance No. 1095, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of the application and designated as Exhibit "A".

This franchise was granted by the city, in accordance with the Broughton Act, and is for a term of 50 years. A fee is payable annually to the City, after the first five years, equivalent to 2% of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise.

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The costs incurred by applicants in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$1,337.42, which consists of publication of notice of sale \$1,036.00, publication of Ordinance No. 1095, \$147.20, consideration for franchise \$100.00, filing fee \$50.00, and \$4.22 expense of publication of notice of hearing.

A public hearing on this application was held in Los Angeles by Commissioner Huls and Examiner Crenshaw on October 24, 1951, at which no objection to the granting of the requested certificate was manifested.

According to the record, the California Company has a franchise and now operates the gas distribution system in the City of Inglewood. However, as the City of Inglewood is outside of the Counties Company's territory, that utility does not have a franchise in this city.

In the present application, applicants, as tenants in common, with an undivided three-fourths (3/4) interest in California Company and an undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in Counties Company, have under construction a 30-inch diameter pipe line which will comprise an extension of the existing Texas to Los Appeles pipe line from Crenshaw Station at 104th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard in the City of Inglewood, to connect with the existing Coleta pipe line at Lindley Avenue and Burbank Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles.

Since a portion of this line is within the city limits of Inglewood, it was necessary to obtain a new franchise from that city for the purpose of keeping this joint operation separate and apart from the present operations of either the California Company or the Counties Company. Due to the fact that the California Company is serving gas in the City of Inglewood, the new pipe line contemplated

the rights and privileges granted by the City of Inglewood by Ordinance No. 1095, adopted June 19, 1951, as limited therein.

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