

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 47367

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY and )  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for )  
an order of the Commission author- )  
izing the former to sell and the )  
latter to buy certain gas distribu- )  
tion facilities within the City of )  
Bakersfield, California. )

Application No. 33325

OPINION AND ORDER

In the above application, Southern California Gas Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company request an order of this Commission, under Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code, authorizing Southern California Gas Company to sell and Pacific Gas and Electric Company to buy certain gas distribution facilities located in territory recently annexed to the City of Bakersfield, California. A detail of the facilities to be purchased is set forth in an agreement dated March 5, 1952, attached to and made a part of the application as Exhibit "A".

Southern California Gas Company, hereinafter referred to as "Southern", is engaged in the purchase, distribution and sale of gas in the central and southern portions of the State of California, including territory contiguous to the City of Bakersfield, California, and territory recently annexed to that City. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, hereinafter referred to as "Pacific", is engaged in the purchase, distribution and sale of gas in the central and northern portions of the State of California, including territory within the City of Bakersfield, California.

In general, the facilities to be exchanged include approximately 8,284 feet of 2-inch steel pipe, together with valves, fittings and other appurtenances attached thereto, approximately 16,343 feet of 3/4-inch steel service pipe, and 232 meter set assemblies, each complete with a meter and a regulator. The facilities are located as shown on the map attached to and made a part of the application as Exhibit "B".

Upon receipt of the instruments of conveyance, assignment and release necessary to consummate said agreement, Pacific will pay Southern the sum of \$34,387. In addition thereto, Pacific will pay to Southern the book cost of such additional facilities and betterments, if any, made by Southern during the period from December 31, 1951, up to the closing date of the delivery of written instruments.

Pacific will assume all obligations of Southern in respect to all accounts receivable and all customers' deposits and refundable deposits for extensions connected with the operation of the aforesaid properties.

It appears that the transfer of properties referred to in this application is ~~in the~~ public interest because it will promote a logical division of service areas between Southern and Pacific and, in addition, the 232 customers involved will obtain somewhat lower rates.

The Commission having considered the request of applicants and being of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. On and after the effective date hereof, and prior to December 31, 1952, Southern California Gas Company may sell to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and the latter may acquire, pursuant to the provisions of the agreement dated March 5, 1952, and filed in this proceeding as Exhibit "A" to the application, the gas distribution facilities covered by said agreement.

2. Upon selling to Pacific Gas and Electric Company the aforesaid distribution facilities, Southern California Gas Company may cease furnishing gas service in the territory supplied by means of said facilities.
3. Within thirty days after acquiring the aforesaid distribution facilities, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file with the Commission a copy of the deed or other instrument under which it acquires and holds title to said distribution facilities and shall advise the Commission of the date upon which it acquired said distribution facilities and the date on which it took possession of the same.
4. The authority herein granted shall not be construed to be a finding of value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1952.

R. E. Anderson  
President.

Harold A. Kula

Samuel P. Lott  
John E. Mitchell

Commissioners.