

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 47619

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY and )  
the CITY OF LONG BEACH under )  
Section 851 of the Public Utilities )  
Code for an order of the Commission ) Application No. 33505  
authorizing the former to sell and )  
the latter to buy certain gas dis- )  
tribution facilities within the )  
City of Long Beach, California. )

OPINION AND ORDER

In the above application, Southern California Gas Company and the City of Long Beach request an order of this Commission, under Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code, authorizing Southern California Gas Company to sell and the City of Long Beach to buy certain gas distribution facilities located in territory recently annexed to the City of Long Beach, California. A detail of the facilities to be purchased is set forth in an agreement dated May 23, 1952, attached to and made a part of the application as Exhibit "A", and by separate letter agreement referred to in the application.

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 certain areas in and contiguous to the City of Long Beach, California. City of Long Beach, hereinafter referred to as "City", operates a municipally owned gas system largely located within the limits of the incorporated City of Long Beach.

The distribution facilities installed as of September 30, 1951, covered by the agreement dated May 23, 1952, consist of

7,735 feet of gas mains and 6,585 feet of service pipe, representing 87 services which are to be sold to the City of Long Beach for \$16,383.99, plus a severance cost for the removal of certain facilities by Southern California Gas Company of \$2,419.44, making a total of \$18,803.43. In addition thereto, City will pay to Southern the book cost of such additional services and meter set assemblies as may be installed between September 30, 1951 and the closing date provided for in the agreement dated May 23, 1952.

City will assume all obligations of Southern in respect to all customers' deposits and refundable deposits for extensions connected with the operation of the aforesaid facilities.

It appears that the transfer of facilities referred to in this application is in the public interest because it will promote a logical division of service areas between Southern and City and, in addition, approximately 100 customers that are 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; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern California Gas Company on or after the effective date hereof and on or before March 31, 1953 may sell and transfer the herein-described public utility property to the City of Long Beach pursuant to the agreements of sale and purchase embodied in said application.

Within thirty (30) days thereafter Southern California Gas Company shall notify this Commission in writing of the completion of the property transfer herein authorized.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the property 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1952.

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President.  
Justin J. Casanova  
Harold P. Hula  
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Francis J. Patten  
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Commissioners.