

Decision No. 50560**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, a)
 corporation, under Sections 1002)
 and 1005 of the Public Utilities)
 Code, for a certificate that public) Application No. 35484
 convenience and necessity require)
 the exercise of the rights and)
 privileges granted by Ordinance)
 No. 385 of the City of Signal Hill,)
 California.)

T. J. Reynolds and Harry P. Letton, Jr.,
 by Harry P. Letton, Jr., for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Southern California Gas Company, by the above-entitled application filed June 1, 1954, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the City of Signal Hill permitting the installation, maintenance and use of a gas transmission system in the public streets of said city. A public hearing was held before Examiner C. E. Crenshaw on August 16, 1954 in Los Angeles.

The franchise referred to, a copy of which is attached to the application and designated as Exhibit "A", was granted by the city in accordance with the Broughton Act and is for a term of 20 years. A fee is payable annually to the City of Signal Hill equivalent to 2 per cent of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of the franchise and an amount of money equal to the rate of \$200 a mile for all pipeline constructed in the City of Signal Hill.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$605.51, which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

No objection to the granting of the requested certificate has been entered.

This franchise covers only transmission lines which are used to transport gas along the streets of Signal Hill but not to distribute gas to customers within this city. Gas within the City of Signal Hill is distributed by the City of Long Beach.

Applicant has been transmitting gas through the City of Signal Hill to customers outside of the city limits for a number of years. There is approximately .44 mile of gas transmission main in the City of Signal Hill.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted is subject to the following provision of law:

That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein or this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State or to a political subdivision thereof as the consideration for the grant of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

O R D E R

The above-entitled application having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the right, privilege and franchise granted to applicant by Ordinance No. 385 of the City of Signal Hill.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is granted to Southern California Gas Company to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the City of Signal Hill by Ordinance No. 385 adopted March 15, 1954.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of September, 1954.

John E. Mitchell
President
James S. Caswell
Samuel Pottor
Deane Puggins

Commissioners

Commissioner Ray E. Vinterius being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.