

Decision No. 59319

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity under Section 1001 of the Public Utilities Code to extend and construct its natural gas distribution system to and in the communities of Littlerock, Forest Park, Placerita Canyon and certain other communities in the Antelope Valley area of Los Angeles County.

Application No. 41365

L. T. Rice, for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Southern California Gas Company seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction and extension of its natural gas system to and in the communities of Littlerock, Forest Park, Placerita Canyon and certain other communities in the Antelope Valley area of Los Angeles County. A public hearing in this matter was held in Los Angeles before Examiner James F. Haley on October 14, 1959.

In its Decision No. 58142, dated March 17, 1959, in Applications Nos. 37014 and 37730, the Commission found that certain communities in the Antelope Valley area were not contiguous to applicant's Needles to Newhall gas transmission line and stated as follows:

" . . . therefore, Southern California Gas Company should immediately apply for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, under Section 1001, to extend and construct its natural gas distribution system to and in the communities of Littlerock, Forest Park and Placerita Canyon and to and in any other communities now being served natural gas from its Needles to Newhall pipeline within the boundaries of the territory covered by the franchise granted Ordinance No. 6765 of Los Angeles County if such other communities are contiguous to such pipeline."

The certificate sought would authorize gas service now being rendered to these Antelope Valley communities as well as authorize construction of additional service extensions in the communities of Acton and Forest Park.

As of June 1, 1959, applicant was already serving 675 customers in the areas for which certification is sought. In addition they propose to undertake construction to serve another 97 customers in the requested areas. Said areas are covered by Los Angeles County Franchise Ordinance No. 6765, and no other public utility is serving natural gas therein. No objection to the granting of the requested certificate has been entered.

Applicant proposes its Schedule G-6 as the applicable rate schedule for firm service throughout the areas requested except for the Placerita Canyon area adjacent to Newhall, where it proposes Schedule G-4 for such service. Applicant proposes to apply Gas Engine Schedule G-45 and Interruptible Schedules G-50, G-53 and G-54 throughout all the areas requested herein.

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the construction and extension of applicant's natural gas system to and in the communities requested. Further, the Commission finds that the rates which applicant proposes to charge are just and reasonable for the service to be rendered.

The certificate hereinafter granted shall be subject to the following provision of law:

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

O R D E R

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Southern California Gas Company for construction and extension of its natural gas system to and in the communities of Littlerock, Forest Park, Placerita Canyon and those certain other communities in the Antelope Valley area of Los Angeles County described in Exhibit No. 1 attached to the application and shown on the map attached to the application as Exhibit No. 2.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to file, after the effective date of this order, appropriate tariff changes to make effective on or before the date service is first rendered to the public under the authority granted herein the rate schedules proposed in paragraph X of the application. Such rate schedules shall become effective in the area certificated herein upon five days' notice to this Commission and to the public after filing as provided above.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of December, 1959.

Everett W. Page  
President

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Commissioners

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