

ORIGINALDecision No. 61392

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF
CALIFORNIA under Section 1002 of the
Public Utilities Code for a certificate
that public convenience and necessity
require the exercise of the rights and
privileges granted by Ordinance No. 60-15
of the City of Temple City, California.

Application No. 42971

O P I N I O N

Southern Counties Gas Company of California, in this proceeding, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the City of Temple City, California, permitting the installation, maintenance, and use of a gas distribution and transmission system in the streets of said city.

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 Franchise Act of 1937 and is of indeterminate duration. A fee is payable annually to the city equivalent to 2 percent of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise, but not less than 1 percent of the gross annual receipts from sales of gas within the limits of the city under said franchise.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$325.72, which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

Applicant has served gas in portions of the City of Temple City and in the surrounding region for many years. Although Southern California Gas Company also has secured franchise rights within the city, the service boundary agreement between that company and applicant, heretofore authorized by this Commission, will, applicant alleges, avoid any possibility of competition.

At the present time, applicant serves 9,135 gas customers within the City of Temple City and owns and operates 52.70 miles of gas main located within public rights of way and 3.96 miles of gas main located within private rights of way within the city.

No objection to the granting of the requested certificate has been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

After consideration 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. 60-15 of the City of Temple City, California.

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

1. 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.
2. That the franchise involved herein shall never be given any value before any court or other public authority in any proceeding of any character in excess of the cost to the grantee of the necessary publication and any other sum paid by it to the municipality therefor at the time of the acquisition thereof.

ORDER

The above-entitled application having been filed, and the Commission being informed in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Southern Counties Gas Company of California to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the City of Temple City, California by Ordinance No. 60-15, adopted September 12, 1960.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of January, 1961.

[Signature]
 President

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 Commissioners