



and San Bernardino Counties, including the community of Twentynine Palms. Desert had sought authority in its Application No. 45340 to distribute natural gas in Twentynine Palms, but said application was denied by Decision No. 66094.

Prior to and during the pendency of Applications Nos. 45099 and 45340, SoCal offered to buy Desert's facilities at their depreciated book cost, plus 10 per cent or 15 per cent. Desert rejected said offers. The agreement, Exhibit 2, was entered into on October 18, 1963.

Applicant alleges that the proposed sale and transfer of its facilities to SoCal is in the public interest in that they were engineered for and are suitable to the distribution of natural gas, and the public interest would be served by the distribution of natural gas through said facilities by SoCal, which company is certificated to distribute natural gas in the area. Applicant also alleges that the proposed sale will permit the commencement of natural gas service to customers connected to its facilities much sooner and with much less inconvenience to said customers than would otherwise be the case.

The Commission finds that:

1. The granting of the application would not be adverse to the public interest.
2. The public interest requires that the effective date of the ensuing order be its date.

A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

The action taken herein is not to be construed as a finding of the value of the property herein authorized to be sold for rate-fixing or other regulatory purposes.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Desert Gas Co., Inc., is authorized to enter into the agreement attached to this application as Exhibit 2, and to thereby sell its liquefied petroleum gas distribution system to Southern California Gas Company pursuant to the terms of said agreement.

2. On or before the date of actual transfer of the physical property herein authorized, Desert Gas Co., Inc., shall transfer and deliver to Southern California Gas Company and the latter shall receive and preserve, all records, memoranda and papers pertaining to the construction and operation of the subject gas distribution facilities.

3. On or before the date of actual transfer, Desert Gas Co., Inc., shall refund all customers' deposits. Any such deposits not refunded shall be transferred to and become the obligation for refund of Southern California Gas Company.

4. When applicant shall have disposed of its properties, and within ten days thereafter, applicant shall notify the Commission in writing thereof. Upon such notification, the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to applicant by Decision No. 49642 shall be rescinded and Desert Gas Co., Inc., shall be relieved of its responsibilities as a public utility gas corporation.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17 day of DECEMBER, 1963.

*Hellen M. Demuth*  
President

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Commissioners