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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 1003 of the Public Utilities Code for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise of the rights and privileges granted by a franchise ordinance to be acquired from the County of San Bernardino, California.

Application No. 49410

PRELIMINARY ORDER

Southern Counties Gas Company of California is presently serving the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County pursuant to a fifty-year franchise that will expire on June 27, 1967. It is presently negotiating with the County for a new franchise which it is anticipated will be granted for a 50 year period pursuant to the terms of the Broughton Act. In conformity with Section 1003 of the Public Utilities Code applicant requests a preliminary order of the Commission declaring that it will, upon application, issue the desired certificate after applicant has obtained the contemplated franchise.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this Commission will, upon application, under such rules as it may prescribe, issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Southern Counties Gas Company of California, upon such terms and conditions as it may designate,

to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise to be granted by the County of San Bernardino when it has been established that said franchise has been granted.

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Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.