

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF PUEBLO GAS AND FUEL COMPANY,)
PUEBLO, COLORADO, FOR A CERTIFI-)
CATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY TO PURCHASE, DISTRIBUTE,)
AND SELL NATURAL GAS IN THE UNIN-)
CORPORATED COMMUNITY OF VINELAND,)
PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO, TO THE)
AREAS ADJACENT THERETO AND ALONG)
THE ROUTE OF THE DISTRIBUTION MAIN)
TO BE CONSTRUCTED TO RENDER SUCH)
SERVICE.)
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APPLICATION NO. 13215

March 14, 1955

Appearances: Lee, Bryans, Kelly & Stansfield,
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Pueblo Gas and Fuel Company;
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for the Commission.

S T A T E M E N T

By the Commission:

By the instant application, The Pueblo Gas and Fuel Company, hereinafter called the Applicant, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to purchase, distribute and sell natural gas in the unincorporated community of Vineland, Pueblo County, Colorado, to the areas adjacent thereto, and along the route of the distribution main proposed to be constructed by Applicant to render such service.

The matter was originally set for hearing, after due notice to all interested parties, on January 18, 1955, at the Hearing Room of the Commission, 330 State Office Building, Denver, Colorado. Said hearing was vacated, however, at the request of counsel for Applicant, and the matter was reset for hearing, after due notice to all interested parties and was heard March 1, 1955, in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 330 State Office Building, Denver, Colorado. At the

advisement. No one appeared at the hearing in opposition to the authority sought to be granted by the instant application.

Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Colorado, and is a public utility operating company subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission, engaged in the distribution and sale of natural gas at retail to domestic, commercial and industrial consumers in the City of Pueblo, Colorado, and in the areas adjacent thereto. A certified copy of Applicant's Certificate of Incorporation, together with all amendments thereto, has heretofore been filed with this Commission.

Testimony presented by Applicant at the hearing disclosed that Applicant proposes to construct and operate a natural gas distribution system in the unincorporated community of Vineland, Pueblo County, Colorado, and to engage in the business of distributing and selling natural gas at retail to domestic, commercial and industrial consumers in said community and in the areas adjacent thereto, and along the route of the proposed distribution main to be constructed by Applicant from a metering point to be located on the existing high-pressure transmission main of Colorado Interstate Gas Company approximately one and one-half miles due East of the community of Vineland to said community, all as more particularly shown on a map introduced by Applicant, marked "Exhibit A," incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant proposes to obtain natural gas to make service available in the areas above-mentioned from the Colorado Interstate Gas Company, which company presently supplies natural gas to Applicant for distribution and sale in the City of Pueblo and the areas adjacent thereto. Exhibit C introduced at the hearing is a letter dated November 26, 1954, in which the Colorado Interstate Gas Company indicates its willingness to apply to the Federal Power Commission for authority to install the necessary metering connections to enable it to sell gas to the Applicant for the proposed new service upon Applicant receiving from this Commission the certificate as herein requested. Exhibit B introduced at the hearing is a map showing

the location of said community of Vineland with respect to areas now served by Applicant and showing in addition the facilities proposed to be constructed by applicant to render natural gas service to said community and in the area adjacent thereto. Said Exhibit B is made a part hereof by reference.

Applicant presently serves natural gas within approximately two miles of the community of Vineland. In addition, Applicant, by Decision No. 43311, dated September 23, 1954, in Application No. 13021, was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to distribute and sell natural gas within the Pueblo Ordnance Depot, which is located approximately four miles from the community of Vineland. There is no other public utility company engaged in rendering natural gas service in the area for which authority is applied for by the instant application.

Further testimony presented by Applicant disclosed that the population of the community of Vineland is estimated to be between 175 and 200. Applicant stated that it expects to serve 55 domestic and commercial customers and 1 interruptible consumer, a Pueblo County High School, by the end of the first year. Applicant stated that several residential housing developments are under consideration immediately adjacent to this community and Applicant proposes to extend its service to these developments in the area as the demands for its service may be required.

Applicant proposes to extend its natural gas facilities to serve customers located elsewhere than on the proposed initial gas distribution system under the provisions of Applicant's Service Connection and Main Extension Policy as presently on file with this Commission, or as the same may be altered or amended and filed. Service to the area involved in the instant application will be supplied at Applicant's rates for natural gas service effective in the City of Pueblo and the area adjacent thereto as presently on file with this Commission as a part of Applicant's Tariff Colo. P. U. C. No. 5. Applicant proposes to odorize all natural gas

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THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

That the public convenience and necessity require, and will require, the purchase, distribution and sale of natural gas by The Pueblo Gas and Fuel Company in the unincorporated community of Vineland, Pueblo County, Colorado, to the areas adjacent thereto and along the route of the distribution main to be constructed by it to render such service, and this order shall be taken, deemed and held to be a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor.

That this Order shall be conditioned upon the issuance by the Federal Power Commission of authority to Colorado Interstate Gas Company to install the necessary metering connections to enable it to sell natural gas to The Pueblo Gas and Fuel Company for the service authorized herein.

That The Pueblo Gas and Fuel Company shall commence construction of the necessary facilities to render natural gas service to the area hereinabove described within six months from the date of the issuance by the Federal Power Commission of said authority to Colorado Interstate Gas Company, and shall complete such construction of said facilities within one year's time after the commencement of said construction, or the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted shall become null and void.

That The Pueblo Gas and Fuel Company shall promptly advise the Commission, in writing, of the date of commencement of construction and the date of completion thereof.

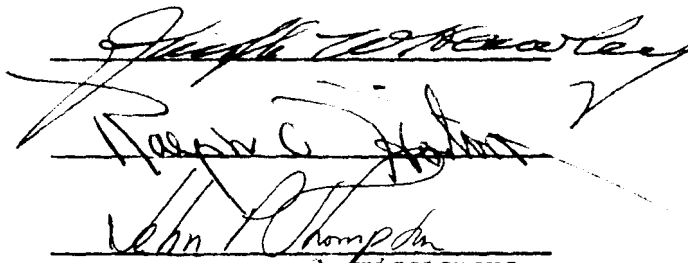
That The Pueblo Gas and Fuel Company shall install, operate, and maintain its natural gas system and supply service in the areas heretofore designated in accordance with its schedules of natural gas rates, classifications, rules and regulations now on file with this Commission or as the same may be changed according to law and the rules and regulations of this Commission.

That The Pueblo Gas and Fuel Company shall continue to maintain its books and accounts in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts, and shall continue to keep its practices as to the

testing of meters, customers' deposits and operations, records of
meters and complaints in accordance with the Commission's require-
ments.

That this Order shall become effective forthwith.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO


Commissioners.

Dated at Denver, Colorado,
this 14th day of March, 1955.

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