

Decision No. 21836.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  
PREMIER MILLS INC., for certificate  
of public convenience and necessity  
to operate a public warehouse for the  
storage of grain, millfeeds, concentrates  
and other sacked materials, for compensa-  
tion in the City of Los Angeles, Calif-  
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(Application No. 15,857

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E. W. Thompson - For Applicant

L. A. Bailey and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, by  
Paul R. Watkins for Los Angeles Warehouse-  
men's Association and California Warehouse-  
men's Association, as Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Premier Mills, Inc., in its original application, requested of the Commission a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to operate a public warehouse for the storage of grain, mill feeds, concentrates and other sacked materials, in the city of Los Angeles. In its amended application the applicant asked for a temporary certificate permitting it to store bulk grain and alleged that there was an urgent necessity for such storage space in order to take care of several car loads of grain which were then on the tracks in Los Angeles and subject to demurrage charges. The Commission, having satisfied itself that an emergency situation did exist as represented, issued a temporary certificate, authorizing applicant to operate an elevator for the storage of grain, in bulk only, until the final determination of the instant application (Decision No. 21502).

A public hearing on the original application was held by Examiner Cannon at Los Angeles.

E. W. Thompson, vice-president of applicant company, testified that there is available in his warehouse for storage purposes some 12,000 square feet and that a study of the situation had convinced him there was a demand for additional facilities. He testified that Los Angeles was becoming a grain terminal and that there was much distress due to lack of storage space. He had called on several shippers and dealers, whose names he furnished, all of whom had urgently requested facilities for storing bulk grain. Apparently bulk storage is growing rapidly and shippers and others feel the need of authorized warehouses. From the testimony of this witness it would appear that the cement bins in his warehouse afford practically the only space available in the city of Los Angeles for the storage of bulk grain. There was no protest against the granting of the application.

From a review of the testimony herein we are of the opinion that the application should be granted and an order will be entered accordingly.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Premier Mills, Inc. of a public warehouse at 938 South McGarry Street in the City of Los Angeles, for the storage of grain and grain products, stock and poultry feed, as

enumerated in his application and the amendment thereto, and also for the storage of bulk grain in concrete bins, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such business be and the same is hereby granted to Premier Mills, Inc. subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall file in duplicate within a period not to exceed 20 days from the date hereof tariff of rates, such tariff of rates to be those submitted with the application herein, as amended, or other rates satisfactory to the Railroad Commission and shall commence operation of said service within a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date hereof.
2. The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of November, 1929.

David S. Leland  
Clarence  
Ernest  
Leon Whitwell  
W. J. Cunn  
Commissioners.