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Decision No. 22680.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
LOS ANGELES COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE CO.,
for order authorizing enlargement of
applicant's storage and warehouse
floor space and facilities and certi-
ficate of public convenience and
necessity.

Application No. 16678

Brodie Hamilton, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Los Angeles Compress and Warehouse Company,
engaged in compressing and warehousing cotton at the Outer Harbor
of San Pedro, in the City of Los Angeles, a city having more than
150,000 population, has made application for authority to enlarge
its warehouse facilities by more than 50,000 square feet.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner
Williams on July 8, 1930.

Applicant now has warehouse units solely for the
storage of cotton to the amount of 393,000 square feet. During
1929, additional space to the amount of 356,653 square feet has
been leased in warehouses owned by the City of Los Angeles. This
lease arrangement has expired and, as the municipality requires
the use of this space for its own purposes, it cannot be renewed,

except for small portions during emergencies. Applicant finds that it must provide additional buildings and proposes to build its Unit No. 4 with 130,250 square feet, adjacent to its existing units, to meet the anticipated volume during the approaching cotton season. As proposed to be increased, the utility will be able to store about 70,000 bales at peaks, after compression. This is believed adequate unless a low price might cause a larger peak. The peak of 1929 was 62,500 bales.

The contract for the warehouse calls for an expenditure of \$166,400.00 and applicant is able to finance this from its earned surplus (Exhibit "D" attached to the application shows this to have been \$97,892.33 on May 31, 1930) and through short time loans. The building will house 24,000 bales. The land to be used is under lease from the City of Los Angeles (Exhibit "E"). The contract has been let, subject to completion by October 15, 1930.

No one appeared to oppose the application as no other compress and warehouse for the handling of cotton is maintained at Los Angeles^{or} at the harbor. The cotton is shipped from the San Joaquin, Coachella and Imperial Valleys and from Arizona.

There appears nothing in the record¹ to show that the provision for additional storage is not prudent and that the authority therefor should not be granted. An order accordingly will be entered.

ORDER

Los Angeles Compress and Warehouse Company having made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to enlarge its warehouse facilities at Outer Harbor, San Pedro, a portion of the City of Los Angeles, by the addition of more than

50,000 square feet, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public necessity and convenience require and will require the construction, as proposed by applicant and set forth in its Exhibits "C" and "D" attached to the application, of an additional warehouse, known as Unit No. 4, to contain 130,250 square feet additional; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public necessity and convenience therefor be, and the same hereby is granted, subject to the condition that this warehouse be completed and placed in operation within six months after date hereof, unless extended by further order of this Commission.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of July, 1930.

C. A. ...
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Commissioners.