

Decision No. 6748

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of)
Belshaw Warehouse Company for authority)
to increase charges for handling, weigh-) APPLICATION NO.4964
ing, and storing commodities in ware -)
houses at San Francisco, California.)

G. E. Weaver, for applicant.
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DEVLIN, Commissioner,

O P I N I O N

Belshaw Warehouse Company, applicant herein, operates a public warehouse at 142-164 Beale Street, San Francisco, the same having been operated by another warehouse company prior to September 26, 1918, at which time a new rate schedule was filed carrying certain reduced handling charges to meet the alleged peculiar situation of this warehouse in that the same had no spur track connections at that time. Said schedule of rates is now in effect.

This application is practically identical with that filed on behalf of Brannan Street Warehouse, et al., Application No.4962 and a supplemental petition by Associated Terminals Company et al., Applications No.3703 etc., except that Belshaw Warehouse Company adds to its prayer a request that it be permitted to adopt so-called Warehouse Tariff No.4. effective March 1,1919, as to rules, regulations, package descriptions, storage rates weighing, loading and unloading rates, as may become effective under said supplemental petition of Associated Terminals Company et al., Application No.3703, etc. Financial exhibits were presented showing an apparent profit of \$787.17 for the entire period of eleven months during which applicant has operated the

warehouse. Said statement took no account of depreciation, interest, or increased wages which applicant in common with other warehouse companies, alleges it will be obliged to meet at once.

In all other respects this proceeding presents precisely the same situation as that covered by Decision No. 6746 of this date in the supplemental application of Associated Terminals Company et al., Application No. 5703 etc.. By stipulation all were heard together, and the facts in each are similar. The increases requested have been fully justified and should be authorized. I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R

Belshaw Warehouse Company having made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to increase rates for handling, weighing, and storing commodities in its warehouse located at San Francisco, a hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and now ready for decision,

It is hereby found as a fact, that the rates, rules and regulations now in force by the Belshaw Warehouse Company, insofar as they differ from the rates, rules and regulations authorized herein are unjust, unreasonable and inadequate, and that rates, rules and regulations hereinafter authorized are just and reasonable for the classes of service indicated.

Basing its order upon the foregoing finding of fact, and other facts set forth in the opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Belshaw Warehouse Company be, and the same is hereby, authorized to publish and file within twenty days from date hereof and thereafter collect rates and enforce rules and regulations in accordance with the following schedule:

For handling and weighing commodities at warehouses
25% above present charges.

For all special service not otherwise specified,
\$1.00 per hour per man.

For storage - 5 cents per ton, (40 cubic feet or
2000 pounds, whichever produces the greater
revenue), in addition to present charges.

For the rental of space, $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per square foot per
month in addition to the present rates, in-
cluding modification of square foot space
and minimum charges now in effect, as set
forth in the application.

Minimum labor charge per lot - 25 cents.

Minimum storage charge for each item of any account
20 cents per month.

Minimum monthly charge to one account for storage
and handling \$1.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the disposition of fractions,
insofar as they affect handling rates, or storage rates covering
the various packages with reference to size and weight, applicant
be, and the same is hereby, authorized to employ methods of
computation shown in the application; provided such computations
and extensions shall create no undue variations from the percentage
of increases herein authorized.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the issuance of its tariffs
applicant may include general rules and regulations, package
descriptions and rates now carried in so-called Warehouse Tariff
No.4, effective March 1, 1919, or as the same may be modified under
the Commission's Decision No. 6746 of this date, in supplemental
application No.3703 etc., by Associated Terminals Company et al.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and
ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission
of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3^d day of
October, 1919.

Edwin O. Elgerton
H. W. Loveland
Frank R. Brown
Erving Martin
COMMISSIONERS.