

Decision No. 7779

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application  
of Santa Maria Valley Warehouse  
Company for authority to increase  
storage rates.

APPLICATION NO. 5691

C. W. Durbrow for applicant.  
J. W. Willis, for California Bean Growers Assn.

MARTIN, Commissioner -

O P I N I O N

This application involves the same matter as that covered by the application of Growers Warehouse Company et al., (Application No. 5555, Decision No. 7776), to which reference should be made for details not shown herein; the general territory served is identical; the service performed and rates charged are in all respects similar and the rates requested are the same. The testimony and exhibits submitted in said Application No. 5555 were, insofar as applicable and by agreement at the hearing, considered as in evidence in this proceeding.

Exhibit No. 9 shows the following result from the operation of the warehouses of Santa Maria Valley Warehouse Company for the year 1919:

Warehouse revenue	-	\$5617.00
"	expenses	- 5903.00
Net Loss	- -	\$ 286.00

It was further shown at the hearing that applicant has an investment in warehouse property amounting to \$46,345.00, and that its operating expenses have increased in the same proportion as at other warehouses located in the same general district.

In view of the said investment and resulting net loss for the single year this property has been in operation as a public utility, and because of the other conditions surrounding the service, I am of the opinion that the proposed increase has been justified and should be allowed.

O R D E R

Santa Maria Valley Warehouse Company having applied to this Commission for authority to increase warehouse rates, a hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being fully advised as to the matters involved,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the rates proposed by applicant for warehouse service are fair and reasonable, and that the rates now charged, to the extent that they differ from the rates set forth herein, are unreasonable, and non-compensatory.

Basing this order upon the foregoing finding of fact and upon statements contained in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of the State of California that Santa Maria Valley Warehouse Company be and the same is hereby authorized to publish and file as the law provides, effective one day after such filing, the following schedule of rates covering the storage and handling of products at its warehouses located at Santa Maria:

- SCHEDULE -

	<u>Grain, Beans, Flour Feed, Mustard, Millstuff</u>	<u>Honey, and Dried and Green Fruits</u>	<u>Potatoes and Onions</u>
First month, per ton,	\$ .75	1.25	1.25
Second " " "	.25	.25	.50
Third " " "	.25	.25	.25
Total for season	<u>\$1.25</u>	<u>\$ 1.75</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1920.

J. D. Loveland  
Frank Weston  
Dwight Maston  
COMMISSIONERS.