

Decision No. 9156

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of)
The De Pue Warehouse Company,) APPLICATION NO. 6940.
Kitrick & Hall Warehouse Company,) APPLICATION NO. 6941.
Hochheimer & Company,) APPLICATION NO. 6942.
for authority to increase and adjust)
warehouse rates at their respective)
warehouses located at points in the)
Northern Sacramento Valley.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The De Pue Warehouse Company, Kitrick & Hall Warehouse Company and Hochheimer & Company have applied to the Railroad Commission for authority under Sections 15 and 63 of the Public Utilities Act to increase and adjust rates charged for storage and services at the petitioners respective warehouses located at points in the Sacramento Valley.

In support of the applications, it is alleged that because of increases in the cost of labor and supplies since the rates now in effect were established sufficient revenue has not resulted to meet all the operating expenses and produce a fair return upon the value of the property devoted to the public service.

Verified exhibits are attached to each of the applications, showing the value of the investment, revenues, expenses and

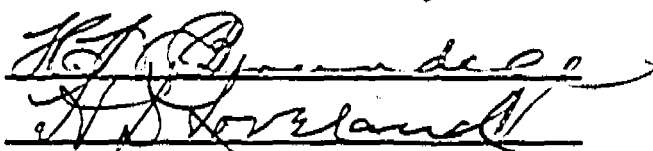
the net income, also the tonnage handled and the amount of additional revenue which would accrue to the applicants through readjustment of the rates. The adjustments are being made primarily to remove inequalities at the different warehouses and the additional net revenue would be very small in amount. The increases in the storage rates applying to beans are merely on paper, as no beans are stored at the warehouses involved in this proceeding, the buildings being devoted almost entirely to the storage of grain. The changes in the grain rates will result in increasing a few of the season rates, running from 5 cents to 25 cents per ton.

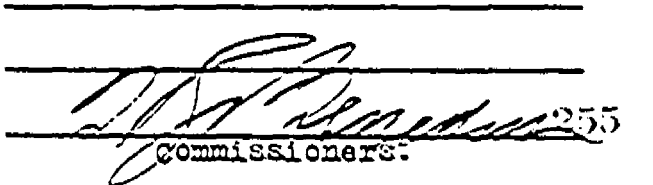
The applicants have stipulated that if protests of merit against the readjustment of rates are filed with the Commission the former rates will be immediately restored, pending investigation, and if the Commission orders restoration of the old rates that refund of excess collections will be made.

The Commission is of the opinion that a formal hearing on these applications is not necessary and finds as a fact that the rates set forth therein have been justified and should be permitted to go into effect.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the de Pue Warehouse Company, Kitrick & Hall Warehouse Company and Hochheimer & Company be and the same are hereby authorized to publish and file with the Railroad Commission tariffs containing the changes in rates as set forth in the applications, which rates are found to be just and reasonable.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of June 1921.





Commissioners