

Decision No. 30145

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PURITAN ICE COMPANY, a corporation,)
for permission to abandon and dis-)
continue its cold storage service at)
Santa Barbara, California.)

Application No. 21251

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

On June 10, 1937, Puritan Ice Company, a corporation, filed its application in the above entitled proceeding for authority to discontinue its cold storage warehouse operation at Santa Barbara.¹

Applicant states its warehouse containing approximately 43,692 cubic feet of cold storage space is utilized for public storage on an average of only 8.7 per cent of capacity and that a deficit of \$3,601.75 was incurred during the year 1936. It attributes the loss of patronage to the close proximity of Los Angeles markets and warehouses, which with fast daily truck service to Santa Barbara has encouraged daily buying from said markets. Moreover, applicant's lessor, Mission Ice Company, contemplates the removal of all cold storage facilities and equipment.

Applicant asserts public convenience and necessity does not demand the further maintenance of this service and that customers have not protested its discontinuance but have arranged for storage

¹ Applicant has on file with the Commission, Cold Storage Warehouse Tariff No. 2, C.R.C. No. 2, effective March 15, 1934, naming rates for storage and handling of merchandise at Santa Barbara and Atascadero.

facilities elsewhere. By letter dated June 28, 1937, Retail Merchants Association Board, an affiliate of the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, states it has no objection to the proposed abandonment.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a formal hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted; therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Puritan Ice Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to cancel the rates, rules and regulations shown in Cold Storage Warehouse Tariff No. 2, C.R.C. No. 2, and supplements thereto, applicable at Santa Barbara and upon such cancellation to discontinue its cold storage warehouse operation as a public utility at that city.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of September, 1937.

Walter W. W.
Leon J. W.
Frank B. W.
R. W. W.
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Commissioners