

Decision No. 35133

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of WESTERN COMPRESS COMPANY for
an order authorizing it to lease
to the United States its ware-
house at Los Angeles Harbor and
to suspend service at said ware-
house as an incident to said lease.)

Application No. 24836

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Compress Company, a corporation, seeks authority to lease to the United States of America public utility warehouse property located at Los Angeles Harbor and now used for the storage and handling of cotton. Applicant also seeks authority to suspend public utility warehouse operations at that location until July 1, 1943. Under the proposed agreement, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of the application as Exhibit "A", the lease would be for a term ending June 30, 1943, lessee would be granted an option to purchase the property on or before that date, and provision would be made for year-to-year renewals of the lease until not more than one year after the conclusion of the war.

It is alleged that the property involved is needed for activities of the armed forces in connection with the prosecution of the war. It is further alleged that applicant has made arrangements with the storers for the transfer of the cotton to other storage facilities and that these arrangements are mutually satisfactory.

Under the circumstances, it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the proposed leasing

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Of the some 80,000 bales of cotton now in storage, all but approximately 800 are said to belong to, or to be stored in connection with loans from, the Commodity Credit Corporation, an agency of the United States Government.

of the property in question and suspension of public utility warehouse service thereat are justified and should be authorized. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Western Compress Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to execute an agreement similar to the agreement on file in this proceeding as Exhibit "A" and affecting public utility warehouse property located at Los Angeles Harbor.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon the execution of the agreement referred to in the preceding ordering paragraph, Western Compress Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to suspend public utility warehouse operations at the aforesaid location until July 1, 1943; and that the said Western Compress Company shall, immediately upon exercising this authority, amend its tariffs on file with the Commission on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public to show that operations have been suspended as authorized herein.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of March, 1942.

Justus F. Coe
Ray H. Wiley
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Francis R. Haven
Richard H. H.
Commissioners