

Decision No. 35471

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of UNION ICE AND STORAGE COMPANY,)
a corporation, for and on behalf)
of itself or THE UNION ICE COMPANY,)
a corporation, for an order grant-)
ing an extension of a Certificate)
of Public Convenience and Necessity)
to engage in the cold storage ware-)
house business at Los Angeles Har-)
bor for the freezing and cold stor-)
ing of Fish and Seafood Products.)

Application No. 22974

BY THE COMMISSION:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Pursuant to authority granted by Decision No. 32576 of November 21, 1939, in this proceeding, applicants enlarged their public warehouse facilities at Los Angeles Harbor by providing 1,250 square feet of floor space at San Pedro for the freezing and cold storage of fish and sea food products.¹ By supplemental application they seek authority further to enlarge the facilities employed in these operations by increasing the space provided therefor at San Pedro to not more than 10,000 square feet.

It is alleged that applicants maintain the only public facilities operated in San Pedro for the services in question; that their facilities are inadequate to meet the demand for these services; that because of the inadequacy of the San Pedro facilities, fish and sea food must frequently be transported a considerable

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Facilities for performing this service were theretofore maintained only at Wilmington. The Wilmington service was first rendered by The Union Ice Company, which was subsequently authorized to lease its cold storage warehouse properties to its wholly owned affiliate, Union Ice and Storage Company, and to assign its operating authority to the affiliate during the pendency of the lease and extensions thereof (Decision No. 23075, 35 C.R.C. 410). Public utility warehouse operations at Los Angeles Harbor have since been conducted by the storage company under these arrangements.

distance in order to obtain suitable public storage; that the added expense and the inconvenience resulting from the lack of sufficient space at San Pedro is burdensome to the storers; that still greater demands for storage may reasonably be expected from the anticipated growth of the fishing and canning activities centered at San Pedro; and that the operation of the additional space proposed is necessary to meet the public demand for service.

The granting of the supplemental application is supported by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and by several storers of the commodities in question. Pacific States Cold Storage Warehousemen's Association and cold storage warehousemen operating in the vicinity of San Pedro have informed the Commission that they have no objection to the proposed enlargement of applicants' facilities.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the establishment and operation of additional space as proposed by applicants is necessary to meet the requirements of storers of fish and sea food products. The supplemental application will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES, that public convenience and necessity require that applicants increase the public utility cold storage warehouse floor space operated at San Pedro, in the City of Los Angeles, for the freezing and cold storage of fish and sea food products, from the 1,250 square feet authorized by Decision No. 32576 of November 21, 1939, in this proceeding, to not more than 10,000 square feet; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity heretofore granted to The Union Ice Company and now assigned to Union Ice and Storage Company be and it is

hereby amended and enlarged in accordance with the declaration contained in the preceding paragraph.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that prior to the commencement of operations under the additional authority herein granted tariffs on file with the Commission shall be amended, on not less than three (3) days' notice to the Commission and the public, to show that service has been extended pursuant to this authority.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of June, 1942.

Justus J. Quisenberry
Ray H. Riney
M. B. Baker

Richard R. Kachner
Commissioners