

Decision No. 35722

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of SOUTHER WAREHOUSE COMPANY for)	
an order granting a temporary)	Application No. 25173
suspension of public warehouse)	
service in San Francisco, California.))	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Souther Warehouse Company, a corporation, seeks authority temporarily to suspend operations as a public utility warehouseman in San Francisco. Its operations have been confined to the storage, handling and servicing of new passenger and freight automobiles, and for some time prior to May, 1942, these operations had been conducted in leased premises known as the "Fontana Warehouse." These premises were vacated by applicant at that time pursuant to the lessor's demand, so that the warehouse could be made available to the United States Government for use by our armed forces in connection with prosecution of the war.

It is represented that the applicant could not locate and lease suitable warehouse facilities to replace those it was required to vacate and, therefore, made arrangements with its customers for the transfer of their automobiles to other storage facilities. It is also represented that the production of new automobiles was stopped by the Federal Government on January 31, 1942; that their sale, except to specified classes of purchasers,

was ordered discontinued on January 1, 1942; that no shipments of new automobiles have arrived in San Francisco for storage by applicant since March 1, 1942; and that no further shipments for public storage are expected to be received in San Francisco for the duration of the war. Applicant states that it intends to resume its public utility warehouse operations as soon as the manufacture and general sale of new automobiles are again permitted.

Under the circumstances, it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that temporary suspension of applicant's operations is justified. Inasmuch as the length of time the present abnormal conditions may prevail cannot now be determined the authority granted herein will be limited to September 1, 1943, unless sooner changed, canceled or extended. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Souther Warehouse Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to suspend its public utility warehouse operations in San Francisco until September 1, 1943, unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by appropriate order of the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the said Souther Warehouse Company shall forthwith 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; and that the tariff filings made pursuant to this order shall in other respects comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of warehouse tariffs set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 61.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of

~~September~~
August, 1942.

Justus F. Coe

[Signature]

Francis R. Haven

Commissioners