Decision No. 36534

BEFORE THE RAILROAD CONMISSION 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 warehouse at Los Angeles Harbor and to suspend service at said warehouse as an incident to said lease.

Application No. 24836

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BY THE COMMISSION:

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 35133 of March 17, 1942, as amended, in this proceeding, Western Compress Company was authorized to suspend public utility warehouse operations at Los Angeles Harbor until July 1, 1943. The suspension of this service resulted from the action of the United States of America in taking possession of the property formerly used by applicant for activities of the armed forces in connection with the prosecution of the war. The United States secured the property for a one-year period under an order of the District Court. By supplemental application, authority is now sought to suspend the operations in question to July 1, 1944 and continuously thereafter so long as the property formerly used in these operations may be in the possession of the United States.

Applicant asserts that, pursuant to further decrees of the District Court, the United States has exercised its right to extend the term of its possession of the property to July 1, 1944. Applicant also asserts that there is no reason to believe that possession of the property will be relinquished by the United States prior to the termination of the war.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that further suspension of applicant's operations is justified. It has not been demonstrated, however, that suspension of service beyond July 1, 1944 should be authorized at this time.

Therefore, good cause appearing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Western Compress Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to suspend public utility warehouse operations at Los Angeles Harbor until July 1, 1944; and that said Western Compress Company shall forthwith amend its tariff on file with the Commission 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 3 day of August, 1943.

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