

Decision No. 41080

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ORIGINAL**

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Cook-McFarland Company, a corpo- )  
ration, for authority to discontinue ) Application No. 28862  
public utility warehouse service. )

OPINION AND ORDER

Cook-McFarland Company conducts a public utility warehouse business in the City of Los Angeles. By this application it seeks authority to discontinue service.<sup>1</sup>

Cook-McFarland operates 44,500 square feet of warehouse floor space. Recently, the principal storer leased warehouse premises for its own use. As a result, only 6,800 square feet of applicant's space was utilized in October. There have been further reductions in the storage volume. Operations during October are shown to have resulted in a net loss of approximately \$1,250. The loss for November is said to have exceeded \$2,600. Still greater losses are expected as a result of further withdrawals from storage. Applicant will arrange for the transfer of the remaining property to other public warehouses at its expense. The storers have consented to these arrangements. Applicant desires to effect the removal of the property and discontinue service by January 1, 1948, in order to avoid further losses.

Other warehousemen have been notified of the filing of this application and have offered no objection to its being granted.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that applicant should be permitted to

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<sup>1</sup>Applicant does not hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Its operative authority is based on operations prior to the time when a certificate was required before commencement of public storage service. Application No. 28959, filed December 18, 1947, in which applicant seeks authority to sell its operative rights and Donald W. Ayres seeks authority to purchase them will be scheduled for public hearing.

discontinue warehouse operations, subject to conditions designed to protect the interests of its patrons.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cook-McFarland Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue the handling and storage of property as a public warehouseman, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall continue as a public utility warehouseman, rendering all services specified in its tariffs, at rates and charges therein provided, so long as any property remains in storage in its warehouse; except that from and after the date of filing the written acceptance specified in Condition 2 hereof, applicant shall not be required to receive any additional goods for storage.
2. Applicant shall, within ten (10) days from the effective date of this order, file with the Commission its written acceptance of this order, including all of the provisions and conditions thereof.
3. Applicant shall cause to be prepared and to be mailed or otherwise delivered to each of its storage patrons on or before twenty (20) days from the effective date of this order, a true and complete copy of this order.
4. Applicant's storage patrons may designate any available public warehouse or other location within the City of Los Angeles or its environs to which their stored property shall be moved; however, in the absence of such election on or before thirty (30) days from the date hereof, Cook-McFarland Company may transport such property to any public utility warehouse within the City of Los Angeles.
5. Cook-McFarland Company shall pay, for its own account, and at no expense to its patrons, any and all costs connected with the transfer of stored property from its warehouse to other locations, whether designated by its patrons or otherwise, including transportation, the handling charges of the receiving warehouse, and any additional storage charges occasioned by a difference in storage periods between its own and the receiving warehouse.
6. Applicant shall, promptly on removal of all stored property from its warehouse (a) file with the Commission a verified statement that it has fully

complied with Conditions 1 to 5, inclusive,  
and (b) cancel all tariffs, concurrences and  
powers of attorney which it has on file with  
the Commission.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup>

day of December, 1947.

Harold P. Kula  
Justin J. Calver  
Irving H. Russell  
R. J. [unclear]

Commissioners