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Decision No. <u>42124</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) RICHARDS TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE CO., : a corporation, to sell, and MARTIN H.) RICHARDS, doing business as RICHARDS : TRANSPORTATION CO., to purchase, a) > public utility warehouse operating : authority.

Application No. 29722

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application, the Commission is asked to make an order authorizing Richards Trucking & Warehouse Co. to sell warehouse operative rights to Martin H. Richards.

It appears from the application that for many years Richards Trucking & Warehouse Co., among other things, has been engaged in the public utility warehouse business in Wilmington, conducting such business in leased premises, comprising some 12,000 square feet, located at "O" Street and Alameda Boulevard.(1) It claims a prescriptive right to conduct such operations.(2)

The application shows that Richards Trucking & Warehouse Co. is in the process of liquidation. Under authority granted by Decision No. 41478, dated April 20, 1948, it sold to

(1) Richards Trucking & Warehouse Co. has reported its warehouse revenues at \$4,669 during 1947, at \$3,369 during 1946 and at \$2,003 during 1945.

(2)

The certificating provisions for certain warehousemen were added to the Public Utilities Act by Section 502, Statutes of 1927, Chapter 878.

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Water-Land Truck Lines its highway common carrier operative rights for the transportation of property between Los Angeles Harbor and the City of Los Angeles. It now proposes to complete its liquidation by disposing of its warehouse rights and has made arrangements to sell the same to Martin H. Richards for \$1,500. The sale, as proposed, does not include any other property. It is reported that said Martin H. Richards, the purchaser, who is an officer and stockholder of Richards Trucking & Warehouse Co., will continue to operate the warehouse business in the same premises with no change in rates or in the manner of conducting said business.

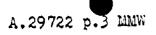
The Commission has never made a finding of the existence, extent, character or value of the warehouse operative rights of Richards Trucking & Warehouse Co. and is not doing so at this time. The order herein will authorize the transfer of whatever rights the present owner may have. It does not appear that a public hearing in this matter is necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Richards Trucking & Warehouse Co., after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1948, may sell and transfer to Martin H. Richards whatever warehouse operative rights it may now have to store property as a public utility warehouseman in Wilmington.

2. Richards Trucking & Warehouse Co. and Martin H. Richards, within sixty (60) days from the date hereof and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public, shall comply with the rules of the Commission's General

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Order No. 61 by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, tariffs satisfactory to the Commission.

3. The authority herein granted will become effective twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this // the day of October, 1948.

Commissioners