Decision No. 42301

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PINEDALE COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE CO., a corporation. for an increase in warehouse rates.

Application No. 29511

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Decision No. 42284 of December 7, 1948, in this proceeding, effective December 27, 1948, authorized applicant to increase its rates for the storage and handling of cotton at Pinedale, Fresno County, on not less than five days' notice. This authority was granted on the basis of the record made at public hearings. The increases were not opposed. Competing warehousemen had previously been authorized to make similar rate adjustments. The increased rates of Western Compress Company, operating a cotton warehouse at Fresno, will become effective December 13, 1948. Like rates are now in effect at other cotton warehouses.

Applicant represents that the movement of cotton into storage has begun and that delay in establishing the authorized increases will cause a serious revenue loss. It seeks modification of Decision No. 42284 permitting establishment of the authorized rates at the earliest possible date.

Applicant's existing rates have been found to be unremunerative. Substantial parity in charges among competing warehousemen has been shown to be advantageous in the cotton business. Adjustment of applicant's rates concurrently with those of Western Compress Company will be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pinedale Compress & Warehouse Co. be and it is hereby authorized to establish the increased rates set forth in Appendix "A" of Decision No. 42284 of December 7, 1948, in this proceeding, not earlier than December 13, 1948, and on not less than three (3) days' notice to the Commission and the public.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this day of December, 1948.

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