A.31663 MW ORIGINAL Decision No. 44747 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA In the Matter of the Application of Application No. 31663 GARDEN GROVE WAREHOUSE COMPANY, (and Supplement) for permit authorizing it to sell and issue its certificates. OPINION This application shows that Asa J. Herren and John W. Mitchell, partners doing business as Garden Grove Warehouse Company, are engaged in the public utility storage business and in certain nonutility operations in Garden Grove, Orange County; that said partners have decided to conduct the business by means of a corporation and accordingly have caused the organization of Garden Grove Warehouse Company, a corporation, to take over and operate the business and properties; and that said corporation desires, and now asks permission, to issue \$100,000 par value of its common stock to finance the acquisition of the partnership properties and to provide working capital. It is reported that the corporation intends to continue the business in substantially the same manner as it has been operated in the past. In general, the operations of the partners include the receiving of beans, grain and seed, which are then recleaned, handpicked, and placed in merchantable condition, and piled and stored until ready for shipment. In addition to these processing operations, the partners act as buying agents for dealers, and also sell seeds, fertilizer, sacks, twine, and other commodities required by - 1 -

farmers. For the 12-month periods ended June 30, the partners have reported the following:

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Revenue - Storage operations Cleaning, fumigating, handling Sub-total Other operations -	\$ 5,964	\$10,159	\$ 8,742
	23,652	44,167	47,654
	29,616	54,326	56,396
Merchandise sales	53,402	59,577	38,701
Less-cost of goods sold	47,561	53,051	31,140
Net sales	5,841	6,526	7,561
Miscellaneous income	4,565	2,837	5,295
Total	40,022	63,689	69,252
Expenses	28,355	44,548	52,288
Net gain	\$11,667	\$19,141	\$16,964

The physical properties to be sold to the corporation include three warehouse buildings and four steel storage tanks, with a combined capacity of 15,457 square feet, a boiler house, bean mills and cleaning and storing equipment and machinery. The present owners acquired their properties in 1946 from Garden Grove Bean Growers Association, a cooperative marketing organization then in process of liquidation, and since them have enlarged the facilities. They report that they do not have the books and records of the old association, that they have been unable to ascertain the original cost of the properties, and consequently they have caused an appraisal to be made which shows the estimated fair market value less accrued depreciation in the aggregate sum of \$65,250.

In making the present application, however, the partners report that they propose to transfer the properties to the corporation at an agreed price of \$58,000. In acquiring said properties, the corporation proposes to issue 400 shares of stock of the aggregate par value of \$40,000 to Asa J. Herren and John W. Mitchell, and 180 shares of the par value of \$18,000 to Hamilton & Company, a total of 580 shares of the par value of \$58,000. Hamilton & Company

A.31663 MMW IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows: 1. Asa J. Herren and John W. Mitchell, after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1950, may sell and transfer to Garden Grove Warehouse Company, a corporation, the public utility warehouse properties referred to in this proceeding. 2. Garden Grove Warehouse Company, after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1950, may issue not exceeding \$58,000 par value of its common stock in payment for said properties and in satisfaction of indebtedness, as set forth in this application, and may issue and soll, at par for cash, not exceeding \$42,000 par value of stock for the purpose of providing working capital to maintain and improve its facilities and service. 3. Applicants, on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public, shall supplement or reissue the tariffs on file with the Commission insofar as they name rates, rules and regulations governing warehouse operations of Asa J. Herren and John W. Mitchell, to show that said Asa J. Herren and John W. Mitchell have withdrawn or canceled and Garden Grove Warehouse Company has adopted or established as its own, said rates, rules and regulations. The tariff filings made pursuant to this order in all respects shall comply with the regulations governing the filing of warehouse tariffs set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 61. 4. Garden Grove Warehouse Company shall file with the Commission a report, or reports, as required by General Order No. 24-A, which order, insofar as applicable, is made a part of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this day of September, 1950.

Justin F. Galerien

Commissioners