

Decision No. 45738

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of J. H. CHRISTIAN to abandon)	
service as a warehouseman at Kurand)	
Station, Glenn County, California,)	Application No. 32399
or in the alternative to sell prop-)	
erty used in the rendition of a)	
public service as warehouseman.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant, J. H. Christian, has been conducting a public utility warehouse operation at Kurand Station, Glenn County, since April, 1950. By this application he seeks permission to abandon the operation. He alleges that farmers who formerly stored sacked grain have converted to bulk harvesting and storage; that applicant's facilities are not suitable for bulk storage; that little use is now being made of, or is expected to be made of, these facilities; and that under these circumstances operations are being conducted at a loss with no prospect of improvement. He alleges further that there is a surplus of available public warehouse space for both sacked and bulk grain in the vicinity of Kurand Station and that if he is allowed to discontinue his services such action will not inconvenience his present or prospective storage patrons.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that applicant should be permitted to withdraw from the public warehouse business subject to conditions designed to protect the interests of his patrons. In view of this conclusion there is no need to discuss applicant's alternative proposal to dismantle a very substantial portion of the warehouse building thus

reducing the warehouse floor space to the bare minimum necessary to store the small quantity of grain now being handled.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that J. H. Christian be and he 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 his tariffs, at rates and charges therein provided, so long as any property remains in storage in his 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 after the effective date of this order, file with the Commission his 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 his storage patrons on or before twenty (20) days after 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 Glenn County to which their stored property shall be moved; however, in the absence of such election on or before thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof, applicant may transport such property to any public utility warehouse within that county.
5. Applicant shall pay, for his own account, and at no expense to his patrons, any and all costs connected with the transfer of stored property from his warehouse to other locations, whether designated by his 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 his own and the receiving warehouse.

6. Applicant shall, promptly on removal of all stored property from his warehouse, (a) file with the Commission a verified statement that he has fully complied with Conditions 1 to 5, inclusive, and (b) cancel all tariffs, concurrences and powers of attorney which he has on file with the Commission.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of May, 1951.

R. F. [Signature]
Justin F. [Signature]
Harold A. [Signature]
John E. [Signature]

Commissioners