Decision No. 45823



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
(1) Willows Rice Drier & Storage
Company, a corporation, and (2)
Chester I. Wolcott and Arthur H.
Fitch, partners doing business as
Willows Warehouse Co., for an order authorizing lease of public utility property.

Application No. 32303

OPINION AND ORDER

Willows Rice Drier & Storage Company, a corporation, conducts public utility warehouse operations at Willows. By this application authority is sought to lease the warehouse property and equipment to Chester I. Wolcott and Arthur H. Fitch, partners doing business as Willows Warehouse Co. The proposed lease is for a five-year period beginning September 1, 1951.

The verified application shows that the corporation desires to withdraw from the warehouse business; that Wolcott is experienced in the operation of warehouse equipment and Fitch is experienced in warehouse management; and that they intend to continue the public utility storage operations now conducted by the corporation. No change is proposed in the service available to the public or in the rates therefor.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Willows Rice Drier & Storage Company, a corporation, may, on or before September 1, 1951, lease the warehouse property and equipment involved in this proceeding to Chester I. Wolcott and Arthur H. Fitch, partners doing business as

Willows Warehouse Co., for a five-year period, as requested, and execute a lease in a form substantially the same as the form of lease, as amended, attached to the application; that prior to the effective date of said lease, Willows Rice Drier & Storage Company, and Chester I. Wolcott and Arthur H. Fitch, shall, on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, supplement or reissue tariffs on file with the Commission insofar as they name rates, rules and regulations governing the warehouse operations here involved to show that Willows Rice Drier & Storage Company has withdrawn or canceled and that Chester I. Wolcott and Arthur H. Fitch have concurrently adopted or established as their own said rates, rules and regulations; and that the tariff fillings made pursuant to this order shall in all other respects comply with the regulations governing the construction and filling of warehouse tariffs as set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 61.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12/16 day of June, 1951.

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