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Decision No. 47134

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In the Matter of the Application of ECKHART SEED COMPANY, a Co-Partnership, for order authorizing borrowing of

money and execution of promissory note therefor.

Application No. 33361

OPINION AND ORDER

Howard C. Eckhart and C. H. Eckhart, Jr. have filed this application for authority to issue a note in the principal amount of \$10,000.

Applicants, who are partners doing business under the firm name and style of Eckhart Seed Company, operate a food warehouse and seed business in Monterey County, with their principal place of business being at Spence Switch. According to their financial reports filed with the Commission, their public utility warehouse revenues amounted to \$22,119 in 1951, with nonutility revenues of \$556,684.80. Their net investment in fixed assets was reported at \$83,309.19 at December 31, 1951, and in current and deferred assets at \$204,546.30.

Applicants heretofore have executed a deed of trust on certain of their real properties and a mortgage of chattels, pursuant to authority granted by the Commission, and have issued a promissory note secured thereby in the presently outstanding amount of \$49,000. Applicants report that they now have need for additional funds and that they have arranged to borrow the sum of \$10,000 from Monterey County Trust and Savings Bank as an advance under the deed of trust and the mortgage of chattels now outstanding. They propose to use

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\$4,000 of said sum to construct a new building to add to their warehouse facilities and the sum of \$6,000 to purchase and install additional cleaning equipment.

The Commission has considered this matter and is of the opinion that a public hearing thereon is not necessary; that the application should be granted, as herein provided; that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the note herein authorized is reasonably required by applicants for the purposes specified herein; and that such purposes are not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Howard C. Eckhart and C. H. Eckhart, Jr., after the effective date hereof and on or before September 30, 1952, may issue a promissory note in the principal amount of \$10,000, payable on demand with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, to be secured by the deed of trust and the mortgage of chattels now outstanding, said note to be issued for the purposes set forth in this application.

2. Applicants shall file with the Commission monthly reports as required by General Order No. 24-A, which order, insofar as applicable, is made a part of this order.

3. The authority herein granted will become effective when applicants have paid the minimum fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this _____ day of May, 1952.

