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Decision No. <u>48371</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of WESTERN COMPRESS COMPANY for) an order authorizing a rate) increase on less than thirty days") notice.)

Application No. 33755 (lst Supplemental)

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Decision No. 48108 of December 22, 1952, in this proceeding, authorized Western Compress Company to increase its rates and charges for the storage and handling of cotton at its warehouses at Fresno, Tulare and San Pedro. The decision also provided for further increases upon proof that applicant had put into effect certain wage increases that were then before the Wage Stabilization Board for approval.

By its verified supplemental application, Western seeks authority to establish the further increases on five days' notice. It points out that wage controls have been suspended. Wage increases approximately the same as those withheld for necessary Wage Stabilization Board approval have been placed in effect and are now being paid.

In the circumstances it appears that the supplemental application should be granted and that the order herein should be made effective immediately.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Decision No. 48108 of December 22, 1952, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby amended to authorize applicant to establish the increased rates and charges

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set forth in Appendix "C" of said Decision No. 48108, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1746 day of March, 1953.

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