

Decision No. 49368

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of VINTON D. SLOCUM, OLLIE B.
SLOCUM, DELBERT T. SLOCUM
and KATHERINE B. SLOCUM, doing
business as THE SLOCUM VAN &
STORAGE CO., for a certificate of
public necessity and convenience
to conduct and operate a public
commercial warehouse service in
the San Fernando Valley, more
particularly in the community of
Van Nuys, City of Los Angeles,
County of Los Angeles, State of
California.

Application No. 34851

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Vinton D., Ollie B., Delbert T. and Katherine B. Slocum, doing business as The Slocum Van & Storage Co., seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing them to operate 21,380 square feet of public utility warehouse storage space at two locations in Van Nuys.¹

The verified application shows that the area involved has experienced a great growth and expansion in industry, commerce and residence in recent years which has created a larger demand for storage space than there is available. As a result there now exists a shortage of public warehouse facilities in this area. It shows further that this lack of storage space has caused serious inconvenience and substantial financial loss to the merchants and small industries in the area. It also shows that applicants are financially able to provide the service as proposed.

The rates proposed to be charged by applicants are the same as those which are applicable to other warehouses in the Los Angeles area. The Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce and various industries support the granting of the application.

¹ Van Nuys is a community which is located within the City of Los Angeles.

Competing warehousemen have been advised of the filing of this application. No objections to its being granted have been received.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that there is a need for the proposed additional public utility warehouse facilities in Van Nuys. We find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation by the applicants of public utility warehouses to the extent set forth in the ensuing order.

Vinton D., Ollie B., Delbert T. and Katherine B. Slocum are hereby placed upon notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate-fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, they extend to the holders a full or partial monopoly of a class of business. This monopoly feature may be changed or destroyed at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited to the number of rights which may be given.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Vinton D., Ollie B., Delbert T. and Katherine B. Slocum, doing business as The Slocum Van & Storage Co., authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a warehouseman, as defined in Section 239(b) of the Public Utilities Code, at 6100 Kester Avenue and at 14520 Delano Street, both in Van Nuys, and limited to not more than 16,380 and 5,000 square feet of warehouse floor space at each location, respectively.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted applicants shall comply with

and observe the following service regulations:

1. Applicants shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty days after the effective date hereof.

2. Within ninety days after the effective date hereof and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicants shall establish the service herein authorized and comply with the provisions of General Order No. 61, by filing in triplicate and concurrently making effective appropriate tariffs.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of November, 1953.

A. Z. [Signature]
President

Justice J. Caswell

Harold Pottel

John E. [Signature]

Gene [Signature]
Commissioners