

Decision No. 51379

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
WESTERN WAREHOUSE COMPANY, a corpora-)	
tion, for authorization to transfer,)	
and of HASLETT WAREHOUSE COMPANY, a)	Application No. 36804
corporation, to acquire a public)	
utility warehouse business in Stockton,)	
California.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Western Warehouse Company conducts public utility warehouse operations at 340 West Scotts Avenue, Stockton. Haslett Warehouse Company conducts public utility warehouse operations at various California points, including Stockton. By this application, Western seeks to transfer and Haslett seeks to assume the public utility warehouse operations at the Scotts Avenue address.

The application shows that Haslett is to assume the public utility obligations of Western as consideration for the proposed transfer and that Haslett will occupy the premises under a 5-year lease arrangement with a renewal option for an additional 5 years. According to the application, Haslett possesses the necessary equipment and personnel to render adequate service to the public in the operations.

Upon consummation of the proposed transfer, Western's tariff would be canceled. At the same time, the presently effective rates, rules and regulations applicable to other warehouse operations now being conducted by Haslett at Stockton would become effective, except that Haslett would retain certain temporary rates now maintained by Western Warehouse Company applicable to canned fruits, juices and vegetables. The proposed tariff changes would establish uniformity with the rates now published by Haslett and other public utility warehousemen at Stockton. Both increases and reductions would result.

All of the storers of property that have utilized the services of Western at Stockton over the past year have been notified of the proposed transfer and tariff changes. Several have written letters to the Commission expressing approval. No objection has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that applicants' proposals, including the changes in rates, rules and regulations, are not adverse to the public interest and are justified. The sought authority will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That Western Warehouse Company be and it is hereby authorized to transfer, within sixty days after the effective date hereof, the public utility warehouse operations involved in the above-entitled application to Haslett Warehouse Company.

(2) That Haslett Warehouse Company is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with Western Warehouse Company in a form substantially the same as that attached to the application.

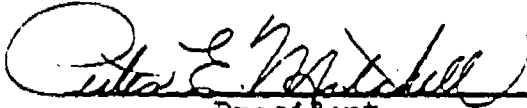
(3) That prior to the effective date of said transfer, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, Western Warehouse Company shall cancel its tariff governing the warehouse operations here involved, Haslett Warehouse Company shall reissue or amend its tariff governing its present warehouse operations at Stockton to make such tariff applicable to the operations at the property here involved and shall also publish on a temporary basis to expire October 1, 1955, the same rates, rules and regulations as those now named in Item No. 23 of Western Warehouse Company Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1, applicable only at 340 West Scotts Avenue, Stockton.

(4) That the tariff filings made pursuant to this order

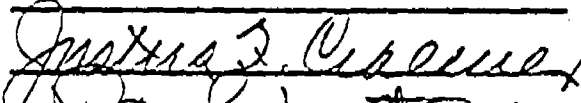

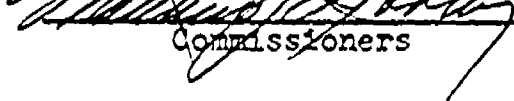
shall in all other respects comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of warehouse tariffs set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 61.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of April, 1955.



President

Commissioners