Decision No. 52989

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of A. L. WAY and J. F. RETHERFORD, doing business as MODERN COLD STORAGE CO., to increase rates.

Application No. 37255

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Decision No. 52018 of October 4, 1955, in this proceeding authorized A. L. Way and J. F. Retherford, doing business as Modern Cold Storage Co., at Exeter, Tulare County, to increase certain of their rates for storing and handling fall grapes. The decision, effective October 24, 1955, authorized the applicants to establish the increased rates on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public. By petition filed October 6, 1955, applicants request that the order be made effective immediately.

In the petition applicants allege that all of the fall grapes are stored on a seasonal basis normally commencing on or about September 15 and ending on or about December 31 of each year; that because of unfavorable weather conditions the commencement of the storage season is much later this year than normal; and that the storage of fall grapes will increase substantially in the two weeks following the date of the petition. They point out that if the effective date of Decision No. 52018, supra, is not made effective prior to twenty days after the date of the decision (October 4, 1955) the rate increase authorized will not be effective at the time the bulk of this year's fall grapes are placed in storage. Petitioners allege that under these circumstances they anticipate greater losses from operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, than those suffered in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955.

In the circumstances, it appears that the petition should be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS MEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of Decision No. 52018 of October 4, 1955, in this proceeding be and it is hereby changed to the date of this supplemental order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this day of October, 1955.