

Decision No. 52972**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 BECKMAN EXPRESS & WAREHOUSE CO.,
 BEKINS WAREHOUSING CORPORATION,
 BELSHAW WAREHOUSE COMPANY, CENTRAL
 WAREHOUSE & DRAYAGE CO., J. A. CLARK
 DRAYING COMPANY, LTD., DEPUE WAREHOUSE
 COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO, DISTRIBUTORS
 WAREHOUSE, THE DODD WAREHOUSES, ENCINAL
 TERMINALS, FARNSWORTH & RUGGLES,
 GIBRALTAR WAREHOUSES, HASLETT WAREHOUSE
 COMPANY, HOWARD TERMINAL, CHARLES F.
 KANE & CO., JOHN McCARTHY & SON, MERCHANTS
 EXPRESS CORPORATION, FRANK NOLAN DRAYAGE
 CO., NORTH POINT DOCK WAREHOUSES, ROBERT-
 SON DRAYAGE CO., INC., SAN FRANCISCO WARE-
 HOUSE CO., SEA WALL WAREHOUSES, SOUTH END
 WAREHOUSE COMPANY, STATE TERMINAL CO., LTD.,
 THOMPSON BROS., INC., U. C. EXPRESS &
 STORAGE COMPANY, WALKUP DRAYAGE & WAREHOUSE
 CO., WALTON DRAYAGE & WAREHOUSE COMPANY, for
 an increase in rates.

Application No. 37352

Vaughn, Paul and Lyons, by Reginald L. Vaughn
 and John G. Lyons, for applicants.
Irving S. Culver, for Gibraltar Warehouses;
Henry F. Hiller, for San Francisco Warehouse
 Co.; John P. Ventre, for Howard Terminal;
 applicants.
Calhoun E. Jacobson, for Virtue Bros. Mfg. Co.
 and Certified Chrome Furniture Co. Inc.,
 protestants.
Jack L. Dawson, for California Warehouseman's
 Association; A. B. Christiansen, for
 California Warehouse Tariff Bureau; Arlo D.
Poe, for Los Angeles Warehousemen's Associa-
 tion; Russell Bevans, for Draymen's Associa-
 tion of San Francisco; Leo V. Cox, for
 Safeway Stores; William W. Wylie, for
 California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining
 Corporation; and R. A. Dahlman, for R. J.
 Reynolds Tobacco Co.; interested parties.

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER.

By application filed September 29, 1955, and as amended on
 November 15, 1955, Beckman Express & Warehouse Co. and twenty-six

other public utility warehousemen operating in San Francisco or in the East Bay cities seek authority to increase all their monthly storage rates, storage handling rates and accessorial service charges by a surcharge of 15 per cent.

Public hearings on the application have been held before Commissioner Rex Hardy and Examiner Carter R. Bishop in San Francisco on November 17, 1955, and on January 10, February 23 and April 20, 1956. Adjourned hearings in the matter are now scheduled for May 16, 17 and 18, 1956, at the conclusion of which it is expected that the application will be taken under submission.

On April 23, 1956, applicants filed Second Amendment to Application No. 37352, in which they seek an immediate increase of 15 per cent in all the aforementioned rates and charges without waiting for completion of the record. In support of their emergency request applicants draw attention to one exhibit of record in which the adverse operating ratios of most of the major applicants, as calculated for representative 12-month periods by a witness for applicants and by the Commission's staff, respectively, are depicted. Applicants assert also that their financial position will be further aggravated by an anticipated increase in labor costs which is expected to become effective on June 1, 1956. Applicants offer to make appropriate refunds to their storers in the event that the Commission should find, in its final disposition of this proceeding, that the requested emergency increase was not warranted.

After careful consideration of all the representations contained in the Second Amendment to the application herein, the

Commission has concluded that said requested relief should be denied without prejudice. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the relief requested in said Second Amendment to Application No. 37352 be and it is hereby denied without prejudice.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of April, 1956.

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President
Justus J. Calmes
Ronald L. Lutz
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Commissioners