

Decision No. 54621

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of CALIFORNIA POOL CAR
DISTRIBUTORS, INC., a corporation,
for a certificate of public conven-
ience and necessity to operate the
business of a warehouseman.)
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Application No. 38175

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O P I N I O N

Applicant, California Pool Car Distributors, Inc., is a California corporation organized on August 27, 1952, for the purpose of engaging in a public warehouse and transportation business. It now holds Radial Highway Common Carrier Permit No. 19-48000 and City Carrier Permit No. 19-48001.

By this application applicant seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a business as a warehouseman, as defined in Section 239, subdivision (b) of the Public Utilities Code. It is proposed to store only new cartoned furniture principally for manufacturers' agents, factory representatives and retail furniture dealers, but not limited to them.

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles before Examiner Mark V. Chiesa. Oral and documentary evidence having been adduced the matter was submitted for decision.

The evidence shows and we find that applicant now has 76,000 square feet of space leased in the Los Angeles Union Warehouse Company's Building C, 1340 East Seventh Street, Los Angeles; that 90 per cent of said space is now occupied with new cartoned or packaged furniture stored by furniture manufacturers' agents, factory

representatives, furniture dealers and others who deal in new furniture; that applicant's business has been expanding rapidly in the past two years; that there is additional space available to applicant at the same location; that there is a constantly increasing demand for storage space which applicant is ready, able and willing to provide.

The record also shows that there are trackage and trucking facilities at applicant's place of business; that applicant operates three bobtail trucks and one tractor-trailer unit in transporting furniture pursuant to its radial and city carrier permits; that most of the furniture stored by applicant originates out of state and arrives in Los Angeles in pool car or carload shipments at applicant's warehouse for the account of or consigned to applicant's customers; that said shipments are then unloaded and either distributed or stored subject to the further order of the consignees.

Applicant's financial condition, as of November 30, 1956, showed total assets of \$59,560.71, and liabilities of \$43,204.99, or a net worth of \$16,355.72, represented by capital stock outstanding (11,000 shares) of \$11,000 and surplus of \$5,355.72. Net income for the year ending August 31, 1956, was \$17,686.27, and for the three months ending November 30, 1956, it was \$4,057.11.

Proposed storage and incidental handling rates and charges are as set forth in Exhibit "B", filed with the application, except that handling rates will be 41 cents per hundredweight instead of 38 cents, and accessorial labor will be computed at the rate of \$3.70 per hour instead of \$3.50 per hour as shown.

Three public witnesses, a manufacturer's agent, a factory representative, and a retail dealer, testified that they deal in new furniture that is manufactured outside of this state; that they need space such as applicant has available to store furniture pending sales to the ultimate purchasers; that small retail furniture

dealers do not possess the necessary floor space to carry many of the different suites which must be readily available; that applicant's storage facilities enable them to make quick sales and deliveries.

Applicant's counsel offered to and was prepared to call nine additional witnesses who would testify substantially the same as the said three witnesses, and that applicant's proposed warehouse business would be convenient and necessary in the conduct of their respective furniture businesses.

The application was not opposed, and the Commission being of the opinion and finding that there is a public need for the 76,000 square feet of storage space as hereinabove set forth, will grant the application.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to California Pool Car Distributors, Inc., a California corporation, authorizing it to establish and operate a business as a warehouseman, as defined in Section 239, Subdivision (b), of the Public Utilities Code, for 76,000 square feet of storage warehouse space at 1340 East Seventh Street, in the City of Los Angeles, subject to the following condition:

Applicant shall store only new furniture packaged in accordance with the packaging requirements of the Western Classification.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty days after the effective date hereof.
- (b) Within ninety days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant 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 5th day of March, 1957.

Arthur E. Mitchell
President

Ralph J. Osterman

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Commissioners