

Decision No. 57621**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 EIBE AND HUFFMAN WAREHOUSE CO., INC., ) Application No. 40543  
 for an increase in rates. )

OPINION AND ORDER

Eibe & Huffman Warehouse Co., Inc., operates a public utility warehouse for the storage of farm products, principally grain and rice, at Codora, Glenn County. By this application, as amended, it seeks authority to increase its rates for storing whole grain, other than milo and corn, and paddy rice, in bulk, and for special labor services. Applicant also requests that publication of the increased rates be authorized on two days' notice.

The application states that applicant and Glenn Growers are the only two public utility warehousemen operating warehouses in Codora. Both are engaged in the storage of whole grain and paddy rice. The application states that both companies are owned by the same stockholders, and are under common management, and that the stockholders are the principal customers of both warehouses. Applicant's current rates are lower than those of Glenn Growers. The application seeks authority to increase the rates of the applicant company to the same level as those of Glenn Growers.

The following increases will result: (1) rates for whole grain, other than milo and corn, in bulk, from 288 to 300 cents per ton per season; (2) rates for paddy rice, in bulk, from 316 to 350 cents per ton per season; (3) charges for sacking whole grain and paddy rice from \$1.15 to \$2.00 per ton; and (4) charges for special labor services from \$1.73 per man per hour, minimum charge 40 cents, to \$2.75 per man per hour, minimum charge 50 cents.

According to the application, applicant suffered a loss of \$1,106.29 from public utility warehouse operation for the twelve months ended September 30, 1958. Applicant alleges that had the proposed rates been in effect for this period, the loss would have been reduced to \$194.86. Applicant asserts that by the proposed changes it will be able to keep its public utility losses to a minimum. It further alleges that the proposed rate must be made effective with the least possible delay if it is to realize any benefits from this year's harvest.

The application states that storers of record have been contacted and have offered no objection to the proposal herein. The Commission has received no objections nor requests for public hearings.

A member of the Commission's transportation rate staff was assigned to make a field investigation at Codora. The staff investigation disclosed there are 18 current storers in applicant's warehouse, of which 15 are stockholders of the corporation, and that all present storers were notified of the contents of the application. Those contacted by the staff stated that they had no objection to the proposed increased rates.

Upon consideration of all the facts and circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed increased rates are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. This order will be made effective immediately and applicant will be authorized to publish the increased rates on two days' notice.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

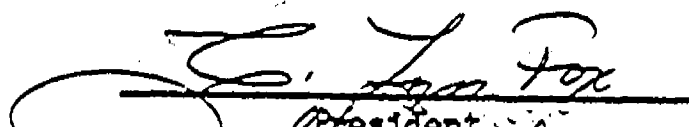
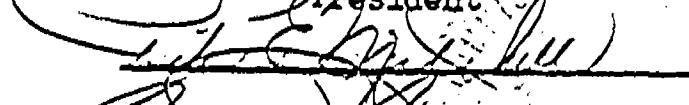
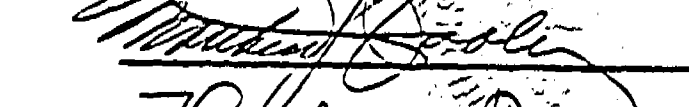
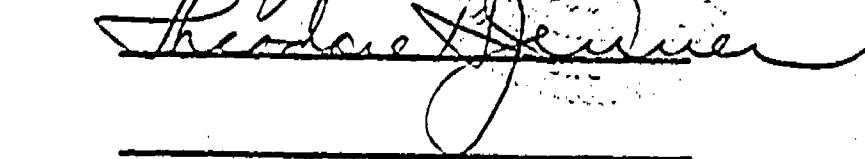
(1) That Eibe and Huffman Warehouse Co., Inc., is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than two days' notice to the

Commission and to the public, the increased rates and charges, as proposed in the above-entitled application, as amended.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1958.

  
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