

Decision No. 57703

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of)	
ROBERTSON DRAYAGE CO., INC., a corp-)	
oration, for authority to cancel)	Application No. 40358
existing warehouse tariff and)	
substitute agency issue.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant operates a public utility warehouse for the storage of general commodities at Oakland. By this application, as amended, it seeks authority to cancel its warehouse tariff and become a participant in California Warehouse Tariff Bureau Tariff No. 1-E, Cal. P.U.C. No. 83.¹ The proposal involves increases in rates and charges.

The application states that the current rates and charges have been in effect since 1925. It is asserted that these rates are inadequate, unrealistic and out of date. It is further asserted that the rates in Tariff No. 1-E reflect current wage scales and other costs now applicable in the city of Oakland. Applicant alleges that it would be more economical for it to participate in Tariff No. 1-E than to revise its own tariff.

The current rates of applicant are not as detailed as those set forth in Tariff No. 1-E. Applicant publishes specific rates only for the storage and handling of beans, canned goods, caustic soda, flour, oil and sugar. All other commodities are subject to the rate for "merchandise, not otherwise specified."

¹ Applicant's tariff is Santa Fe Warehouse Company Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1. Most of the warehouses operating in Oakland are participants in Tariff No. 1-E.

Shown below are examples of comparisons of the current and proposed rates:

	<u>Rates in Cents per Package</u>			
	<u>Storage</u>		<u>Handling</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Beans	1 to 2½	1½ to 3	2½ to 3.8	6 to 13½
Canned Goods	.9 to 1.8	1½ to 5½	1.8 to 3½	2½ to 17
Flour, in sacks	½ to 3½	1 to 3½	1.1 to 7	2-¾ to 11
Sugar, cases or sacks	1 to 4½	1½ to 3½	1½ to 10	2-¾ to 10½

The other rates involved cannot be readily compared because they are not on the same basis in both tariffs.

The application shows that on or about August 15, 1958, notice of the proposed change was mailed to each of applicant's storers with the request that any objection to the granting of the proposal be forwarded to the Commission. No objection has been received.

Upon consideration of all the facts and circumstances the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed increased rates are justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,


IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Robertson Drayage Co., Inc., is hereby authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to cancel Santa Fe Warehouse Company Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 and to concurrently become a participant in California Warehouse Tariff Bureau Warehouse Tariff No. 1-E, Cal. P.U.C. No. 83.

(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 twenty days after the date hereof.


Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 9th day of December, 1958.




President









Commissioners