

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57738

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition of
GENERAL COLD STORAGE, CO., a cor-
poration, under Section 454 of
the Public Utilities Act for
leave to File Tariff.)

) Application No. 40567

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 57367 of September 29, 1958, as amended, in Application No. 40391, Albert C. Freeman was authorized to discontinue the operation of a cold storage warehouse at South San Francisco, concurrently with the commencement of said operation by General Cold Storage, a corporation. The order also authorized Albert C. Freeman to cancel his participation in tariffs on file with the Commission. General Cold Storage Co. proposed in the application to file a tariff of its own. However, the tariff contained unauthorized increases and therefore was rejected.

By this application authority is sought to file the proposed tariff attached to Application No. 40391. Both increases and reductions would result.

The application states that the current tariff is not realistic for the small warehouse operated by applicant in South San Francisco. Applicant asserts that, while a few increases would result from the new tariff, the net effect to the storers would be a reduction in charges. Applicant states also that its purpose is to set forth in as simple manner as possible, commensurate with good tariff practices, rates and charges suitable for the limited clientele that would be attracted to its warehouse facility.

Illustrative of the changes that would result in increases are the following:

- (a) A special charge for reweighing of 15 cents per package is proposed. Under current tariffs, labor charges of \$3.00 per hour, minimum \$1.00, are applied to reweighing services. Increases result when charges under the package basis exceed those under the hourly basis.
- (b) At present the rates on packages weighing 22 pounds or less are one cent higher than on packages weighing over 22 pounds. The new tariff would provide instead that on packages weighing less than 25 pounds, the rates would be two percent higher than the rates for packages weighing 25 pounds or more.
- (c) Applicant proposes a minimum charge of \$3.00 per lot for the first month's storage and \$1.00 per lot for each subsequent month's storage, with no minimum monthly billing charge. The current minimum charge is \$1.50 per lot for the first month and \$1.00 per lot for each subsequent month, subject to a minimum monthly billing charge of \$3.00

A field survey was conducted by a member of the Commission's transportation rate staff, in the course of which he interviewed most of applicant's present storers as well as the president and vice president of the applicant corporation. The rate expert reported that all of the storers interviewed had been fully informed concerning the proposed tariff. None of them had any objection to applicant's proposals.¹

¹ The few storers not contacted were located generally in other states. Based upon the gross revenues for October, 1958, the storers interviewed by the rate expert paid in excess of 90 percent of the charges. The rate expert's report is hereby made a part of the record in this proceeding and identified as Exhibit No. 1.

Upon consideration of all the facts and circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed increased rates and charges which would result from the filing of the proposed tariff are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,


IT IS ORDERED:


(1) That applicant is hereby authorized to establish the rates and charges proposed in the above-entitled application.


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

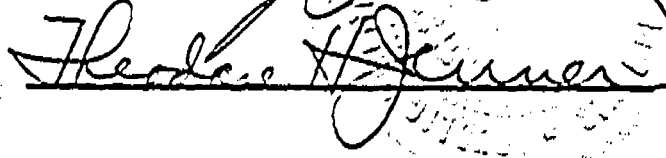
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of December, 1958.



President






Commissioners