

Decision No. 59852

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
CHARLES A. PEARSON, doing business)
as ORANGE COUNTY WAREHOUSE COMPANY)
for authority to increase rates as)
a public warehouseman, and for)
authority to change name.)

Application No. 41984

OPINION AND ORDER

Charles A. Pearson, doing business as Orange County Warehouse Company, operates a public utility warehouse in the City of Anaheim for the storage of specified commodities.¹ By this application, filed February 24, 1960, he seeks authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase certain storage and incidental handling rates and charges applicable to such services.

The application states that the presently effective warehouse storage and handling rates, rules and regulations for the service in question are contained in Orange County Warehouse Company Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1. Applicant proposes to cancel said Tariff No. 1 and concurrently become a party to California Warehouse Tariff Bureau Warehouse Tariff No. 28, Cal.P.U.C. No. 165, Jack L. Dawson, Agent, which will result generally in increases.

Applicant states that the current rates have not been increased since his tariff was filed and became effective on April 1, 1947. He further states that his operating expenses have increased materially and that the proposed increases in rates are necessary to permit him to earn a reasonable profit from his operations as a public warehouseman. According to applicant the above method of accomplishing the proposed increases will result in the establishment of rates on the same level as the existing rates charged and

¹ Applicant plans to change the name under which he conducts the warehouse operation from Orange County Warehouse Company to Anaheim Truck & Transfer Co.

observed by the majority of the public warehouses operating in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Income and expense data submitted with the application indicate that the public utility warehouse operations here involved are being conducted at a loss. Following is applicant's statement of operating results for the nine months' period ending September 30, 1959:

Public Utility Warehousing
Operations Under Current and Proposed Rates

<u>Income</u>	<u>Under Current Rates</u>	<u>Under Proposed Rates</u>
Storage Revenue	\$6,253.19	\$7,665.46
Handling Revenue	3,061.89	3,342.90
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$9,315.08</u>	<u>\$11,008.36</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,353.15	\$10,353.15
NET PROFIT	(\$ 1,038.07)	\$ 655.21

() Denotes Net Loss

The application states that, concurrently with the filing thereof with the Commission, copies were served upon each storer. One storer, by letter, has stated that it is "not in favor of increased rates." Otherwise, the Commission has received no objection to the granting of the application nor any request for a public hearing.

Upon consideration of all of the facts and circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the increased rates and charges proposed in this application are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:


(1) That applicant is hereby authorized to establish, on statutory notice to the Commission and to the public, the increased rates and charges proposed in the above-entitled application.

(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.

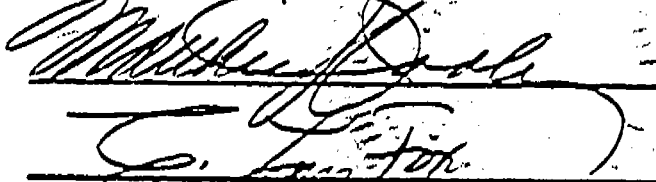
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of March, 1960.




President



William P. Rogers



C. L. Taylor



Theodore H. Green
Commissioners