Decision No. <u>61383</u>

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ) T. B. SILLS STORAGE to Discontinue ) Service as a Public Utility Ware- ) house at Riego and to Cancel Rates. )

Application No. 43000

## OPINION AND ORDER

T. B. Sills, doing business as T. B. Sills Storage, possesses a prescriptive operating right as a public utility warehouseman for the operation of 9,600 square feet of storage or warehouse floor space at Riego.<sup>1</sup> By this application filed December 27, 1960, he seeks an order authorizing him to discontinue the public warehouse business and to cancel tariffs applicable thereunder.

The application avers that applicant became a public utility several years ago so that he would be in a position to issue public warehouse receipts covering his own rice which he put under loan to the Commodity Stabilization Service and to issue occasional warehouse receipts covering rice which he stored for his neighbors or which he sold but retained in the warehouse.

Applicant now states that he and his neighbors have become members of the California Rice Growers Association; that the warehouse facilities will be used exclusively by the Association; and that there are no outstanding warehouse receipts against applicant. Applicant further states that there are ample storage facilities in the area to serve the public need under the same rates, rules and regulations.

Upon consideration of the allegations contained in the application, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed discontinuance of the public utility warehouse operation herein involved will not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing

<sup>1</sup>The operative rights were determined by order of the Commission dated August 1, 1960, in Case No. 6721.

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Therefore, good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That T. B. Sills is hereby authorized to discontinue service as a public utility warehouseman at Riego, Placer County, as determined in Case No. 6721, dated August 1, 1960, subject to the following conditions:

(a) That T. B. Sills shall, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, file with the Commission its written acceptance of this order.

(b) That applicant's agent, Jack L. Dawson, shall cancel the participation of T. B. Sills in California Warehouse Tariff Bureau Warehouse Tariff No. 24, Cal.P.U.C. No. 142, on file with the Commission. Such cancellation may be made on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public.

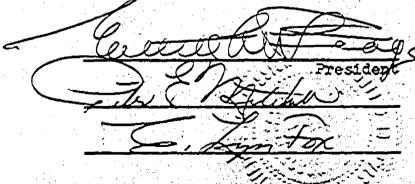
(2) That the Power of Attorney W.H. 1 No. 1 executed by T. B. Sills on file with this Commission in favor of Jack L. Dawson, Agent, is hereby canceled, effective upon the cancellation of the participation of T. B. Sills from California Warehouse Tariff Bureau Warehouse Tariff No. 24, Cal.P.U.C. No. 142.

(3) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within 120 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  $24^{44}$  day of January, 1961.

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