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Decision No. 63785

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ) GILBERT C. McCORKLE, doing business ) as FARMERS WAREHOUSE CO., to discontinue public utility warehouse ) operations at Hilmar, California.

Application No. 44400 (Filed May 1, 1962)

## OPINION AND ORDER

Gilbert C. McCorkle, doing business as Farmers Warehouse Co., is authorized to operate as a public utility warehouseman at Hilmar and vicinity. By this application he seeks authority to discontinue his public utility warehouse operations.

The application asserts that during the past several years the need for public warehousing in the Hilmar area has diminished; that there is now no appreciable demand for such service; and that none can be foreseen in the area for the future. The application states that the only commodity stored by applicant is beans; that during the 1960 and 1961 seasons only negligible amounts of beans were stored; that at the present time no beans are stored; and that applicant does not anticipate any requests for storage during the 1962 season. The application further states that granting of the sought authority would not work a hardship on any grower or the public as there are other suitable warehouses in the area to take care of potential storage requirements of growers in the area.<sup>2</sup>

The warehouse operative right is a prescriptive right as determined by order of the Commission dated July 26, 1960, in Case No. 6664. Hilmar is located in northern Merced County.

Eight public utility warehouses are located within approximately fifteen miles of Hilmar.

application, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed discontinuance of public utility warehouse operations as proposed herein will not be adverse to the public interest. Applicant will be authorized to discontinue said operations and his tariff agent will be directed to cancel his participation in agency tariffs. A public hearing is not necessary.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Gilbert C. McCorkle, doing business as Farmers Warehouse Co., is hereby authorized to discontinue operations as a public utility warehouseman.
- 2. The prescriptive operative right as a public utility warehouseman possessed by Gilbert C. McCorkle as determined by order dated July 26, 1960, in Case No. 6664, is hereby revoked.
- 3. Power of Attorney WHL No. 1 issued by Gilbert C. McCorkle, doing business as Farmers Warehouse Co., in favor of Jack L. Dawson is hereby canceled.
- 4. Jack L. Dawson, Agent, is hereby authorized and directed to cancel from his tariffs on file with the Commission the participation of Gilbert C. McCorkle, doing business as Farmers Warehouse Co., said cancellation to be filed within ninety days after -

The Secretary is directed to mail a copy of this order to

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of June, 1962.

Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell. being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.