

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 65473

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SIGNAL TRUCKING SERVICE, LTD.,)
a corporation, for authority to) Application No. 45309
suspend certain operations as a) (Filed April 3, 1963)
warehouseman.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., is authorized to operate as a public utility warehouseman in Vernon, Long Beach and the Wilmington district of the City of Los Angeles. By this application, it seeks to suspend for a one year period its warehouse operations at the latter point (Wilmington).

Applicant alleges that the lease covering the warehouse space which it operates at Wilmington expires as of May 30, 1963, and it is unable to renew the lease on a sound economic basis. Applicant states that it will make its warehouses in Vernon available to its storers in Wilmington; there are other warehouse facilities available in the Wilmington district for storers who prefer that area; and the public will not be injured during the proposed suspension of warehouse operations.

It is alleged in the application that during the period of suspension applicant expects to find more modern warehouse facilities in the City of Los Angeles which will be more economical to operate and more suitable to the nature and volume of its business; that the nature of the storage at Wilmington has changed

in the past several years in that the volume of demand from the public has materially decreased and the present facilities can be no longer compensatory; and that to continue to conduct such operations would constitute a drain on applicant's resources and would unduly burden the business of a warehouseman which applicant conducts in other cities. The Commission's records indicate that there are three other public utility warehouses operated in the Wilmington district and three in the Terminal Island district of the City of Los Angeles for the storage of general commodities.

The application shows that a copy thereof was mailed to the California Warehousemen's Association and the Los Angeles Warehousemen's Association on or about April 2, 1963. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed suspension until May 30, 1964, is not adverse to the public interest. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. Applicant will be authorized to suspend said operations subject to certain conditions designed to protect the interests of its patrons.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., is hereby authorized to suspend operations as a public utility warehouseman in the City of Los Angeles until May 30, 1964; and the operative right as a public utility warehouseman in the City of Los Angeles possessed by Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., is hereby suspended from May 30, 1963 until May 30, 1964, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Applicant shall, at the direction of the owner of any property remaining in storage on May 30, 1963, transport such property to any available public warehouse at the expense of applicant and at no expense or risk to the owner of the property transported.
- b. All effective tariff schedules of applicant as a public utility warehouseman at Los Angeles are hereby suspended from May 30, 1963 until May 30, 1964. Suspension supplements to tariff schedules so suspended are not required and shall not be filed.

The Secretary of the Commission is directed to mail a copy of this order to Jack L. Dawson, Agent.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of May, 1963.

John E. Mitchell President
John E. Mitchell Acting President
Frederick B. Halaloff
William W. Brown
Commissioners

Commissioner George G. Grover, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Everett C. McKeage, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.