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Decision No. <u>65581</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of THOMPSON BROS., INC., a corporation, doing business as THE DODD WAREHOUSES for a certificate of public conventience and necessity to operate as a warehouseman.

Application No. 45379

OPINION

On July 12, 1960 by an order in Case No. 6611, the Commission determined that applicant had a prescriptive right to operate public utility warehouse space in Emeryville. Thirty-five thousand square feet were authorized, exclusive of the 50,000 square feet of expansion permitted by Section 1051 of the Public Utilities Code.

The building on Hollis Street in Emeryville which applicant has been using is not properly laid out for efficient operations. Applicant has sought another location in Emeryville but could not find one. It has located a suitable building about 1½ miles from its present location. It is, however, located in the City of Oakland. Both premises are not only located in the economic community of greater Oakland but are within substantially the same part of it. Applicant requests that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be granted to it to operate at the Oakland location.

The agent of the California Warehouse Tariff Bureau took up this matter with the public utility warehousemen operating in Oakland. He reports, by letter dated May 9, 1963, that they have no objection.

The Commission finds that: 1. Oakland and Emeryville are both components of the greater Oakland economic community. 2. The removal of a public utility warehouse operation right from Emeryville to Oakland will not reduce or withdraw such service from the public. 3. The removal of a public utility warehouse operating right from Emeryville to Oakland will not change, increase or reduce the competition to which other public utility warehousemen in greater Oakland are subjected. The Commission finds and concludes that concurrently with the withdrawal of applicant's service in Emeryville public convenience and necessity will require the granting to applicant of a certificate to operate an equal amount of floor space in Oakland. Thompson Bros., Inc., a corporation, doing business as The Dodd Warehouses, is hereby placed on notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, such rights extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly in a particular location. This monopoly feature may be modified or canceled at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given. A public hearing is not necessary. ORDER IT IS ORDERED that: 1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is granted to Thompson Bros., Inc., a corporation, doing business -2-

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APPENDIX A

THOMPSON BROS., INC. (a corporation)

Thompson Bros., Inc., a corporation, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to operate storage or warehouse floor space as follows:

Location Oakland Number of Square Feet of Floor Space

35,000

(The floor space shown above is exclusive of the 50,000 square feet of expansion permissible under Section 1051 of the Public Utilities Code.)

End of Appendix A

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

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