

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 66897

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 MURFF & COMPANY, INC., a Tennessee  
 corporation, ALAMO LAND COMPANY, a  
 California corporation, FONDO-MESQUITE  
 CORPORATION, a California corporation,  
 and TALFOURD T. WYNNE, W. E. YOUNG, JR.,  
 ALICE SINCLAIR NELSON, DONALD H. COX,  
 and RUSSELL BROS. RANCHES, INC., dba  
 IMPERIAL FARMERS COMPANY, a limited  
 partnership, all doing business as  
 IMPERIAL COMPRESS COMPANY, and W. K.  
 FRANCIS, MRS. ALMA S. FRANCIS,  
 MRS. CHRISTINE F. JONES, and L. P.  
 FRANCIS, dba EL CENTRO COMPRESS COMPANY,  
 and of VALLEY COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE CO.,  
 a JOINT VENTURE composed of the above  
 named parties, for authority to transfer  
 a warehouse certificate and a prescriptive  
 warehouse right to the JOINT VENTURE of  
 VALLEY COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE COMPANY.

Application No. 46092

O P I N I O N

By this application El Centro Compress Company and Imperial Compress Company request authority to transfer public utility warehouse operations to Valley Compress & Warehouse Company.

Murff & Company, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, Alamo Land Company, a California corporation, Fondo-Mesquite Corporation, a California corporation, and Talfourd T. Wynne, W. E. Young, Jr., Alice Sinclair Nelson, Donald H. Cox and Russell Bros. Ranches, Inc., doing business as Imperial Farmers Company, a limited partnership, are presently providing a public utility warehouse operation in Brawley, California, under the partnership name of Imperial Compress Company (Decision No. 66378 dated November 26, 1963, in Application

No. 45799). W. K. Francis, Mrs. Alma S. Francis, Mrs. Christine F. Jones and L. P. Francis comprise a partnership doing business as El Centro Compress Company, presently providing a public utility warehouse operation at a point located three miles east of El Centro (prescriptive authority described in Case No. 6537 dated June 14, 1960). Applicants herein have created a joint venture known as Valley Compress & Warehouse Company. They propose to transfer their operating authority to the joint venture.

It is alleged that Calcot, Ltd., a cooperative association, is presently operating 18 warehouses in the area and has signed so many members that there is not sufficient business to operate both warehouses through the use of two crews; and since the warehouses are only 13 miles apart, it was decided by the partners to use the same management and crew in the operation of said warehouses.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest, and concludes that the transfer should be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before July 1, 1964, Murff & Company, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, Alamo Land Company, a California corporation, Fondo-Mesquite Corporation, a California corporation, and Talfourd T. Wynne, W. E. Young, Jr., Alice Sinclair Nelson, Donald H. Cox and Russell Bros. Ranches, Inc., doing business as Imperial Farmers Company, a limited partnership, all doing business

as Imperial Compress Company, and W. K. Francis, Mrs. Alma S. Francis, Mrs. Christine F. Jones and L. P. Francis, doing business as El Centro Compress Company, may sell and transfer, and Valley Compress & Warehouse Company, a joint venture composed of the herein named parties seller, may purchase and acquire, the operative rights referred to in the application.

2. Within thirty days after the consummation of the transfer herein authorized, purchasers shall notify the Commission, in writing, of that fact and within said period shall file with the Commission a true copy of any bill of sale or other instrument of transfer which may be executed to effect said transfer.

3. Purchasers shall amend or reissue the tariffs on file with the Commission, naming rates, rules and regulations governing the warehouse operations herein to show that they have adopted or established, as their own, said rates, rules and regulations. The tariff filings shall be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, and the effective date of the tariff filings shall be concurrent with the consummation of the transfer herein authorized. The tariff filings made pursuant to this order shall comply in all respects with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 61-A.

4. On or before the end of the third month, after the consummation of the transfer as herein authorized, purchasers shall cause to be filed with the Commission, in such form as it may prescribe, an annual report, or reports, covering the period

commencing with the first day of the current year to and including the effective date of the transfer.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 3rd day of MARCH, 1964.

*Wesley H. ...* ~~President~~

*George H. Thover*

*Fredrick B. Hallock*

Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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