

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 70302

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 sus-  
 pend certain operations as a ware-  
 houseman. }

Application No. 48094

OPINION AND ORDER

Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., requests authority to suspend operations as a public utility warehouseman in Long Beach, Wilmington and San Francisco for a period of one year.

By Decision No. 68502, dated January 19, 1965, in Application No. 47161, applicant was authorized to suspend service until February 15, 1966. Said suspension was granted because the operations of applicant for many years had been conducted under the supervision and control of the president and principal stockholder, John E. Carroll, Sr. Upon his death in 1963 the burden of operating the business has rested with his two sons. The operations involve widespread truck and warehouse services, which have been made the subject of reorganization, including the termination of the use of warehouse properties occupied at rentals too high to permit service to the public at a reasonable profit and a continuing effort to acquire substitute properties at rentals low enough to permit profitable operations.

According to applicant it has made strenuous efforts to procure such properties, but to date has been unsuccessful. Applicant is allegedly negotiating toward obtaining properties at its certificated locations and anticipates that during the forthcoming year suitable properties will be procured and service resumed.

A copy of the application was mailed to California Warehouseman's Association and Los Angeles Warehouseman's Association on December 1, 1965. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 6, 1965. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the suspension of the operative rights in question would not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The public utility warehouse operative rights granted by Decisions Nos. 53787 and 57155, in Applications Nos. 37761 and 40013, respectively, and acquired by Decision No. 44148 as amended by Decisions Nos. 53580 and 53621, in Application No. 30967, and Decision No. 66885, in Application No. 46072, are hereby further suspended until February 15, 1967.

2. All effective tariff schedules of Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., filed pursuant to the operative rights acquired and granted by the decisions referred to above are hereby further suspended until February 15, 1967. Suspension supplements to tariff schedules so suspended are not required and shall not be filed.

The effective date of this order shall be February 14, 1966.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1966.

Frederick B. Holbrook  
President  
George E. Mitchell  
George E. Crowler  
Raymond  
William W. B. Smith  
Commissioners