

Decision No. 73097

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of

PATTERSON WAREHOUSE CO., a California corporation,

Application No. 49636 Filed August 25, 1967

for Permission to Issue Stock.

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

This is an application for an order of the Commission authorizing Patterson Warehouse Co. to issue and sell \$9,000 aggregate par value of its capital stock.

Patterson Warehouse Co. is a California corporation conducting public utility warehouse operations and certain nonutility activities at Patterson, Stanislaus County. For the year ended March 31, 1967, the company reports operating revenues of \$89,610 and a net loss of \$1,472.

In this proceeding applicant proposes to issue 9,000 shares of its \$1 par value capital stock having an aggregate par value of \$9,000 to its present shareholders at par for cash. The proceeds from the proposed stock issue would be used for working capital.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds that: (1) the proposed stock issue is for a proper purpose:

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(2) the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the stock herein authorized is reasonably required for the purpose specified herein; and (3) such purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income. On the basis of these findings we conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

In issuing our order herein, we place applicant and its shareholders on notice that we do not regard the number of shares outstanding, the total par value of the shares nor the dividends paid as measuring the return applicant should be allowed to earn on its investment in plant, and that the authorization herein given is not to be construed as a finding of the value of applicant's stock or properties nor as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the determination of just and reasonable rates.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Patterson Warehouse Co., on or after the date hereof and on or before December 31, 1967, may issue and sell not exceeding 9,000 shares of its \$1 par value capital stock, at par for cash, in the manner and for the purpose set forth in the application.

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2. Patterson Warehouse Co. shall file with the Commission a report, or reports, as required by General Order No. 24-B, which order, insofar as applicable, is hereby made a part of this order.

3. The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

	Dated at	San Francisco	, California,
this	day of	SEPTEMBER	, 1967.
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Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.