

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 73575

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 B-LO COLD STORAGE CO., CALIFORNIA )  
 ICE AND COLD STORAGE COMPANY, FEDERAL )  
 ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, ICE AND )  
 STORAGE COMPANY OF THE INLAND EMPIRE, )  
 IMPERIAL ICE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES )  
 COLD STORAGE CO. (dba Los Angeles Ice )  
 & Cold Storage Co., Pasadena Ice Com- )  
 pany and Pomona Valley Ice Co.), )  
 NATIONAL COLD STORAGE COMPANY, ONTARIO )  
 ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY (W. W. )  
 Stevens, dba), PACIFIC COLD STORAGE )  
 INC., RANCHO COLD STORAGE, SOUTH )  
 COAST PACKING COMPANY, INC. (dba )  
 South Coast Storage Co., Inc.), )  
 TERMINAL REFRIGERATING COMPANY, )  
 TRIANGLE COLD STORAGE CO., UNION ICE )  
 AND STORAGE COMPANY, and U.S. GROWERS )  
 COLD STORAGE, INC., for an Increase in )  
 Rates. )

Application No. 49744  
(Filed October 19, 1967)

OPINION AND ORDER

Each of the applicants involved herein is engaged in the business of a public cold storage warehouseman and maintains and operates facilities for the storage of merchandise at one or more locations in southern California.<sup>1</sup> By this application, applicants

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The warehousemen involved and the locations at which they operate are:

B-Lo Cold Storage Co.	Los Angeles
California Ice and Cold Storage Company	Long Beach and San Diego
Federal Ice & Cold Storage Company	Vernon
Ice and Storage Company of the Inland Empire	San Bernardino
Imperial Ice Company	Ocean Park
Los Angeles Cold Storage Co. (dba Los Angeles Ice and Cold Storage Co., Pasadena Ice Company and Pomona Valley Ice Co.)	Los Angeles, Pasadena and Pomona
National Cold Storage Company	Los Angeles and Vernon
Pacific Cold Storage Inc.	Vernon
Rancho Cold Storage	Los Angeles
South Coast Packing Company, Inc. (dba South Coast Storage Co., Inc.)	Los Angeles
W.W. Stevens, (dba Ontario Ice & Cold Storage Company)	Ontario
Terminal Refrigerating Company	Burbank and Los Angeles
Triangle Cold Storage Co.	Los Angeles
Union Ice and Storage Company	Los Angeles, San Diego, Wilmington and National City
U.S. Growers Cold Storage, Inc.	Vernon

seek authority, on ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to increase the charge for each lot delivery from 50 cents to \$1.00 and to extend the application of this charge to all lot deliveries regardless of weight.<sup>2</sup>

Applicants assert that the current charges for lot deliveries have, for the most part, been in effect since September 12, 1963, and, since that date, applicants have experienced an increase of 69.34 cents per man per hour in plant labor cost, exclusive of holidays, vacations, sick leave, paid time not worked and supervision or overhead.

Applicants contend that they will be faced with negotiation of new three-year wage contracts in the middle of 1968 and that the rate adjustment proposed herein is vitally needed to keep them in a satisfactory operating position until they can ascertain what additional increases may be necessary following such negotiations.

Applicants have submitted financial data with their application in the form of exhibits wherein they, as a group, show that: (1) they had an operating ratio of 96.2 for the year ending, for the most part, on December 31, 1966; (2) they will experience an operating ratio of 97.3 under present rates and expenses revised to include current costs; and (3) they will experience an operating ratio of 95.2 with an accompanying rate of return of 3.8 percent under proposed rates and expenses revised to include current costs. A revenue and expense summary of each applicant's public utility operations is set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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The lot delivery charge, which currently applies to lot deliveries of less than 1,000 pounds, is set forth in California Warehouse Tariff Bureau Cold Storage Warehouse Tariff No. 2-H, Cal.P.U.C. No. 210 of Jack L. Dawson, Agent, and South Coast Storage Co., Inc. Cold Storage Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1.

Applicants aver that they mailed a notice to all storers of record informing them of their proposal. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 20, 1967. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from the proposed adjustment in the lot delivery charge are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted. Applicants will be authorized to publish the tariff changes on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. B-Lo Cold Storage Co., California Ice and Cold Storage Company, Federal Ice & Cold Storage Company, Ice and Storage Company of the Inland Empire, Imperial Ice Company, Los Angeles Cold Storage Co., National Cold Storage Company, Pacific Cold Storage Inc., Rancho Cold Storage, South Coast Packing Company, Inc., W. W. Stevens, Terminal Refrigerating Company, Triangle Cold Storage Co., Union Ice and Storage Company and U.S. Growers Cold Storage, Inc., are hereby authorized to establish the lot delivery charge as specifically proposed in Application No. 49744.


2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may 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 to the public.


3. The authority granted is subject to the express condition that applicants will never urge before this Commission in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities Code, or in any other proceeding, that the opinion and order herein constitute a finding of fact of the reasonableness of the lot delivery charge and that the filing of the charge pursuant to the authority granted herein will be construed as consent to this condition.

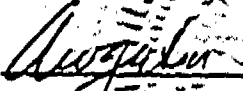
4. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

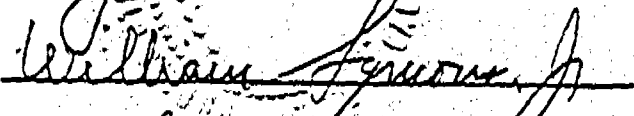
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.


Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of January, 1968.

  
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Summary of Operations  
Based on Present Rates and Actual Expenses  
 (12-Month Period Ending December 31, 1966, except as noted)

<u>Warehousemen</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses Including Income Taxes</u>	<u>Operating Income: Profit or (Loss)</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
E-Lo Cold Storage Co.	\$ 88,254.74	\$ 116,570.85	\$ (28,316.11)	132.1
California Ice and Cold Storage Company	624,090.53	560,378.74	63,711.79	89.8
Federal Ice & Cold Storage Company (1)	584,734.76	532,740.91	51,993.85	91.1
Ice and Storage Company of the Inland Empire	33,028.00	27,033.17	5,994.83	81.8
Imperial Ice Company	1,031.98	4,303.44	(3,271.46)	417.0
Los Angeles Cold Storage Co. (2)	1,144,939.41	1,024,627.54	120,311.87	89.5
National Cold Storage Company (3)	632,483.40	578,433.12	54,050.28	91.5
Ontario Ice and Cold Storage Company (W.W. Stevens dba)	48,488.57	37,724.68	10,763.89	77.8
Pacific Cold Storage, Inc.	778,724.36	683,697.74	95,026.62	87.8
Rancho Cold Storage (4)	93,070.00	74,344.91	18,725.09	79.9
South Coast Packing Company Inc. (1)	164,861.00	165,849.00	(988.00)	100.6
Terminal Refrigerating Company (4)	1,773,971.98	1,575,718.00	198,253.98	88.8
Triangle Cold Storage Co.	143,705.63	148,701.26	(4,995.63)	103.5
Union Ice and Storage Company	593,398.68	932,782.32	(339,383.64)	157.2
U.S. Growers Cold Storage Inc.	<u>948,143.47</u>	<u>896,834.93</u>	<u>51,308.54</u>	<u>94.6</u>
	<u>\$7,652,926.51</u>	<u>\$7,359,740.61</u>	<u>\$ 293,185.90</u>	<u>96.2</u>

Summary of Operations  
Based on Present Rates and Revised Expenses  
 (12-Month Period Ending December 31, 1966, except as noted)

<u>Warehousemen</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses Including Income Taxes</u>	<u>Operating Income: Profit or (Loss)</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
B-Lo Cold Storage Co.	\$ 88,254.74	\$ 119,121.58	\$ (30,866.84)	135.0
California Ice and Cold Storage Company	624,090.53	564,047.84	60,042.69	90.4
Federal Ice & Cold Storage Company (1)	584,734.76	537,058.87	47,675.89	91.8
Ice and Storage Company of the Inland Empire	33,028.00	27,434.69	5,593.31	83.1
Imperial Ice Company	1,031.98	4,397.60	(3,366.62)	426.1
Los Angeles Cold Storage Co. (2)	1,144,939.41	1,034,900.75	110,038.66	90.4
National Cold Storage Company (3)	632,463.40	584,561.69	47,921.71	92.4
Ontario Ice and Cold Storage Company (W.W. Stevens dba)	48,488.57	38,271.21	10,217.36	78.9
Pacific Cold Storage, Inc.	778,724.36	691,851.21	86,873.15	88.8
Rancho Cold Storage (4)	93,070.00	75,436.28	17,633.72	81.1
South Coast Packing Company Inc. (1)	164,861.00	169,478.01	(4,617.01)	102.8
Terminal Refrigerating Company (4)	1,773,971.98	1,590,582.85	183,389.13	89.7
Triangle Cold Storage Co.	143,705.63	151,955.05	(8,249.42)	105.7
Union Ice and Storage Company	593,398.68	943,941.75	(350,543.07)	159.1
U.S. Growers Cold Storage Inc.	948,143.47	910,834.79	37,308.68	96.1
	<u>\$7,652,926.51</u>	<u>\$7,443,874.17</u>	<u>\$ 209,052.34</u>	<u>97.3</u>

Summary of Operations  
Based on Proposed Rates and Revised Expenses

<u>Warehousemen</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses Including Income Taxes</u>	<u>Operating Income: Profit or (Loss)</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
B-Lo Cold Storage Co.	\$ 91,759.33	\$ 119,121.58	\$ (27,362.25)	129.8
California Ice and Cold Storage Company	643,948.03	574,147.37	69,800.66	89.2
Federal Ice & Cold Storage Company	599,245.39	544,438.98	54,806.41	90.9
Ice and Storage Company of the Inland Empire	34,339.54	27,779.50	6,560.04	80.9
Imperial Ice Company	1,072.96	4,397.60	(3,324.64)	409.9
Los Angeles Cold Storage Co.	1,214,755.41	1,070,409.16	144,346.25	88.1
National Cold Storage Company	649,365.40	593,147.88	56,217.52	91.3
Ontario Ice and Cold Storage Company (W.W. Stevens dba)	50,414.05	38,777.42	11,636.63	76.9
Pacific Cold Storage, Inc.	798,585.86	701,952.77	96,633.09	87.9
Rancho Cold Storage	96,765.81	76,693.88	20,071.93	79.3
South Coast Packing Company Inc.	171,407.63	169,985.31	1,422.32	99.2
Terminal Refrigerating Company	1,867,949.98	1,638,380.07	229,569.91	87.7
Triangle Cold Storage Co.	149,412.18	151,955.05	(2,542.87)	101.7
Union Ice and Storage Company	615,424.68	943,941.75	(328,517.07)	153.4
U.S. Growers Cold Storage Inc.	972,379.97	923,161.47	49,218.50	94.9
	<u>\$7,956,826.22</u>	<u>\$7,578,289.79</u>	<u>\$ 378,536.43</u>	<u>95.2</u>

- (1) Fiscal year ending 3-31-67.  
(2) Fiscal year ending 6-30-66.  
(3) Fiscal year ending 4-30-67.  
(4) Fiscal year ending 2-28-67.

(END OF APPENDIX A)