

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 74640

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of STRATFORD WAREHOUSE CO., INC., )  
a corporation, for Ex Parte con- )  
sideration and order authorizing )  
sublease of Public Utility Ware- )  
house. )

Application No. 50310  
Filed June 12, 1968

O P I N I O N

Stratford Warehouse Co., Inc., hereinafter sometimes called Stratford Warehouse, a California corporation, requests authority pursuant to Sections 851 through 853 of the Public Utilities Code to sublease its warehouse property and improvements to William E. Wedderburn, Loy R. Wedderburn, Frederick F. Wedderburn and Chesley M. Wedderburn, partners doing business under the name of Wedderburn Brothers. A copy of the sublease is attached to the application as Exhibit B. The term of the sublease is one year, commencing May 1, 1968 and ending on April 30, 1969, and it may be extended for an additional term of one year by Wedderburn Brothers by giving notice of such extension to Stratford Warehouse on or before April 1, 1969. The rental is the sum of \$8,000 payable in advance. There are no protests.

Stratford Warehouse conducts its operations as a public utility warehouseman pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Commission in Decision No. 62451, issued August 22, 1961 in Application No. 43521. The warehouse building is located on Railroad Avenue between Main and Third Streets in the unincorporated town of Stratford, California, and

contains approximately 23,400 square feet of storage space. Stratford Warehouse presently leases said property and improvements from Southern Pacific Railroad Company pursuant to Southern Pacific Lease No. 106003, the terms of which are set forth in said Application No. 43521.

Stratford Warehouse alleges that there are other public utility warehouses in the area sufficient to meet the needs of the public, and that the rental income from the proposed sublease will exceed the amount of net profits presently being derived by Stratford Warehouse from the operation of the warehouse. Wedderburn Brothers will utilize the said property for the sole and exclusive purpose of storage of agricultural commodities owned by them. Stratford Warehouse desires to maintain its public utility status because it is anticipated that, in the future, there will be an increased public need for the facility.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed sublease by Stratford Warehouse of its warehouse and improvements would not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Stratford Warehouse Co., Inc., is authorized to sublease its warehouse and improvements described in the application to William E. Wedderburn, Loy R. Wedderburn, Frederick F. Wedderburn and Chesley M. Wedderburn, partners doing business under the name of Wedderburn Brothers, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the sublease attached to the application as Exhibit B.

2. Within thirty days after the execution of the sublease as herein authorized, Stratford Warehouse, Inc., shall notify the Commission in writing of that fact and within said period shall file with the Commission a true copy of said sublease.

3. Applicant shall continue as a public utility warehouseman at Stratford, rendering all services specified in its tariff at rates and charges therein provided so long as any property remains in storage in the warehouse involved; except that from and after the date of filing the written acceptance specified in Paragraph 4 below, applicant shall not be required to receive any additional goods for storage.

4. Applicant shall, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, file with the Commission a written acceptance of this order, including all of the provisions and conditions thereof.

5. Applicant shall cause to be prepared and to be mailed or otherwise delivered to each storage patron, on or before thirty days after the effective date of this order, a true and complete copy of this order.

6. Applicant shall, at the direction of the owner of any property remaining in storage, transport such property to any available public utility warehouse at the expense of applicant and at no expense or risk to the owner of the property transported.

7. Applicant shall, promptly on removal of all stored property from the warehouse, file with the Commission amendments to its tariffs showing the change authorized herein and shall make reference in such tariff to this decision as authority for the changes.

8. Applicant shall, promptly, on removal of all stored property from the warehouse, file with the Commission a verified statement that ordering Paragraphs 3 to 8, inclusive, have been fully complied with.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1968.

William S. Brown Jr.  
President  
Edward E. Steiner  
William L. Bennett  
Augusta  
Harold P. Monsey  
Commissioners