

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 75262

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of

WERMUTH CAL VAN STORAGE CO., INC.,)	
a California corporation,)	
)	
For Authority to Depart from the)	Application No. 50666
Provisions of Minimum Rate)	(Filed November 4, 1968)
Tariff No. 2 in the Transportation)	
of Equipment and Telephones for)	
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph)	
Company and Western Electric)	
Company within the County of Monterey.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Wermuth Cal Van Storage Co., Inc., a corporation, holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and household goods carrier permits. By this application, it seeks authority to assess rates and charges in cents per hour or per piece as named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 4-B (used household goods) in lieu of the minimum rates otherwise applicable as set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 in connection with the transportation of telephone equipment and other property for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Electric Company between points within Monterey County.

Applicant states that rates predicated on a hundredweight basis do not afford adequate remuneration for the labor performed and the services rendered inasmuch as the shippers generally require that their equipment and other property be delivered at a precise time and a trip must be made with only the subject property on the truck. Applicant avers that it is then required to unload the property at destination, move it into position within the building,

uncrate it, if necessary, and remove the packing materials. Applicant alleges that many small shipments are involved and that much time is lost in traveling from the point of origin to the scales in order to obtain a certified weight. Applicant declares that it is not feasible nor practical to perform all of these services on the hundredweight basis.

Applicant asserts that authority has been granted to a carrier to transport the aforementioned property for the shippers involved at the rates sought herein¹ and another carrier has filed an application seeking the same authority for the same shippers.² Applicant contends that all competitors in the Monterey-Salinas area eligible to bid on The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company or Western Electric Company contracts should be in a position to compete with one another.

The certificate of service shows that copies of the application were mailed to California Trucking Association on or about November 1, 1968. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 6, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable for the transportation in question. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted. However, because the conditions involved herein may change at any time, the authority will be made to expire at the end of one year.

¹ By Decision No. 73672 dated January 30, 1968, Alma Mae Marsh, doing business as Felix Marsh Transfer, was authorized to assess hourly or piece rates in connection with the transportation of property for such shippers.

² Application No. 50416 was filed by Miller Moving & Storage Co. and the authority sought in that proceeding was granted pursuant to Decision No. 74913 dated November 6, 1968.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Wermuth Cal Van Storage Co., Inc., a corporation, is authorized to quote and assess rates and charges in the units of measurement set forth in Items Nos. 330 and 340 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 4-B and no lower than the rates and charges named in those items, in lieu of the minimum rates per 100 pounds specified in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, in connection with the transportation of property for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Electric Company between points within Monterey County.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire one year after the effective date hereof unless sooner canceled, modified or extended by order of the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of January, 1969.

William Synoux, Jr.
President

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John P. Morrissey

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Thomas Moran
Commissioners