

Decision No. 76210

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PRODCO WAREHOUSE COMPANY, a corpora-)
tion, for an increase in rates.)

Application No. 51368
(Filed September 17, 1969)

O P I N I O N

ProdcO Warehouse Company is a corporation engaged as a public utility warehouseman in storage and handling of cotton at Fresno. It seeks authority to increase rates and accessorial charges for storage, handling and compressing of cotton.

The last rate increase authorized to applicant was granted by Decision No. 57699, dated December 9, 1958, in Application No. 40564. Applicant alleges that since that date it has experienced increased operating costs, particularly increased wage costs.

The application states that pursuant to Senate Bill No. 568, enacted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor on July 8, 1969, this Commission will no longer have jurisdiction over applicant's public utility warehouse operations for the storage of cotton in bales after November 10, 1969. Applicant requests that it be authorized to put into effect the increased rates and charges set forth in Exhibit A to the application for the short period of time this Commission will have jurisdiction over applicant's operations. The application states that the 1969 season for the storage of cotton will begin on or about October 1, 1969. Applicant alleges that it is desirable to have uniform storage and handling rates throughout an entire storage season; that applicant intends to establish the rates proposed herein on and after November 10, 1969;

that applicant and its customers will be greatly inconvenienced if different rates are applied during a single storage season; and that applicant urgently needs the relief requested herein. Applicant requests that it be authorized to place the increased rates in effect immediately.

The Commission finds as follows:

1. Applicant's public utility warehouse operations in connection with the storage of cotton in bales will cease to be subject to regulation by this Commission on and after November 10, 1969.

2. Applicant intends to raise its rates and charges for the storage and handling of cotton in bales on and after November 10, 1969 to the levels sought herein.

3. Applicant's customers appear to desire uniform season storage and handling rates for cotton in bales and have no objection to the increases sought.

4. As a convenience to applicant and its customers, applicant should be authorized to establish effective October 1, 1969, the increased rates and charges which it intends to establish effective November 10, 1969 and to maintain thereafter.

5. The rate increases sought herein are justified.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Prodco Warehouse Company, a corporation, is authorized to establish the increased rates and charges sought in Application No. 51368.

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 two days after the effective date hereof on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and the public.

The effective date of this order shall be September 28, 1969.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of SEPTEMBER, 1969.

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President

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Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.