

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 76278

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
CALICO COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE COMPANY,
INC., a corporation, for an increase
in rates.

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) Application No. S1408
) (Filed October 7, 1969)
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O P I N I O N

Calico Compress & Warehouse Company, Inc., engages as a public utility warehouseman in the storage and handling of cotton at McFarland. It seeks authority to increase rates and accessorial charges for storage, handling and compressing of cotton.

Applicant's predecessor Camp & Felder Compress Co., began public utility warehouse operations in 1960. Rates have not been increased since the inception of service by applicant's predecessor. The application alleges that since 1960 substantial increases have occurred in operating costs, particularly in 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 on and after November 10, 1969. Applicant requests that it be authorized to put in 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 has just begun. Applicant alleges that it is desirable to have

uniform storage and handling rates during an entire 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 sought increased rates in effect as soon as possible.

The Commission finds as follows:

1. Applicant's public utility warehouse operations in connection with 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 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 the increased rates which it intends to establish on November 10, 1969 and maintain thereafter.

5. The rate increases sought herein are justified.

The Commission concludes the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Calico Compress & Warehouse Company, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to establish the increased rates and charges sought in Application No. 51408.

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2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein 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 is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of OCTOBER, 1969.

William J. ...
President.

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Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.