

Decision No. 76639

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of BECKMAN EXPRESS & WAREHOUSE CO.
for an Order Authorizing Assumption
of an Obligation as Guarantor.

Application No. 51544
(Filed December 11, 1969)

O P I N I O N

Beckman Express & Warehouse Co. requests an order of the Commission authorizing it to assume the obligation of guarantor of payment of a \$290,000 note.

Applicant is a California corporation operating as a public utility warehouseman in the City of Berkeley, and as a highway common carrier in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Solano, and the City and County of San Francisco. As of October 31, 1969, the company's reported total assets less reserves amounted to \$204,931, which amount was offset by current liabilities, common stock and earned surplus amounting to \$43,988, \$40,000 and \$120,943, respectively.

The carrier's shareholders propose to purchase certain real estate and improvements located in the City of Berkeley, which the company now uses for office and terminal purposes under a lease. The purchase price is \$320,000, of which \$30,000 is to be paid down at the time of purchase, and the balance of \$290,000 will be represented by a note repayable over a period of 15 years in monthly installments including interest at the rate of 7% per annum on unpaid balances.

In addition to the security of a deed of trust, the seller requires applicant's guaranty of payment of the note.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed guaranty will not be adverse to the public interest. On the basis of this finding we conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Beckman Express & Warehouse Co. may assume the obligation of guarantor in respect of a note in the principal amount of not exceeding \$290,000 by executing and delivering a guaranty in the same form, or in substantially the same form, as that attached to the application.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of DECEMBER, 1969.

William J. Lyons Jr.
President

Robert J. Brown

James L. Stinger
Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.