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Decision No. <u>78963</u>

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of:
Stratford Warehouse, Inc., (a California Corporation), for Ex Parte consideration and order authorizing the Sale of Public Utility Warehouse, including improvements to William E. Wedderburn, Loy R. Wedderburn, Frederick F. Wedderburn and Chesley M. Wedderburn, co-partners doing business under the firm name and style of Wedderburn Brothers, to be operated as a private warehouse facility.

) Application No. 52731) (Filed June 30, 1971)

Stratford Warehouse, Inc., (a California Corporation), for Ex Parte consideration and order to have Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a public utility warehouseman, to be revoked.

<u>OPINION</u>

Stratford Warehouse Company, Inc., requests authority to discontinue operations as a public utility warehouseman in the unincorporated town of Stratford in the County of Kings. It also requests authority to sell and transfer the warehouse building, together with all equipment and fixtures, to William E. Wedderburn, Loy R. Wedderburn, Frederick F. Wedderburn and Chesley M. Wedderburn, co-partners, doing business as Wedderburn Brothers.

The certificate authorizing operations was granted by Decision No. 62451, dated August 22, 1961, in Application

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No. 43521. The real property upon which the warehouse building is located is leased from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company pursuant to Southern Pacific Lease No. 106003. By Decision No. 74640, dated September 4, 1968, in Application No. 50310, and by Decision No. 77978, dated November 24, 1970, in Application No. 52184, Stratford was authorized to lease the warehouse building to Wedderburn Brothers. The lease expired on May 1, 1971. Since 1968 Wedderburn Brothers has used the building for the purpose of storing its own goods.

The agreed consideration for the sale of the building and equipment is \$36,000.

After consideration, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require the services of Stratford, and that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Stratford Warehouse Company, Inc., is authorized to discontinue operations as a public utility warehouseman in the unincorporated town of Stratford, and the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 62451, dated August 22, 1961, in Application No. 43521, is hereby revoked.

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- 2. The tariffs presently on file in the name of Stratford Warehouse Company, Inc., covering the public utility warehouse operations authorized by Decision No. 62451 are hereby cancelled.
- 3. Stratford Warehouse Company, Inc., is authorized to sell and transfer to Wedderburn Brothers the real property and fixtures specified in the application.
- 4. Stratford Warehouse Company, Inc., is relieved of its public utility obligations as a public utility warehouseman.

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		Dated atSan Fr		an Fra	meisco ,		, c	. California,	, th	1s	27th
day	of	•	JULY			_, 19	71.				,

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Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin. Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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