

Decision No. 81876

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
DELTA WAREHOUSE COMPANY, a corporation,
for authorization to cease operations
as a public warehouseman at Stockton,
California and cancellation of tariff.

Application No. 54030
(Filed May 14, 1973)

O P I N I O N

Delta Warehouse Company requests authority to discontinue operations as a public utility warehouseman in the city of Stockton.

Applicant is presently conducting operations pursuant to Commission order dated July 26, 1960 in Case No. 6655 which authorized service in 64,500 square feet of storage space.

It is alleged that applicant has lost approximately \$155,800 due to public utility warehouse operations since 1969; that the warehouse structures, some of which were constructed prior to 1900, have seriously deteriorated; and that continued use of these buildings would require extensive reconstruction, particularly in the areas of the warehouse which have for their foundation piling in the Stockton deep water channel.

Applicant has entered into a contract of sale of the property upon which the warehouse is located. Applicant mailed notice of its intention to discontinue operations to 50 customers, only three made any inquiry and, upon being informed of the circumstances, none of the three expressed any disagreement with applicant's proposal to abandon operations. Applicant is willing to transfer, at its cost, the goods of its customers to another public grain storage warehouse within a 50-mile radius of Stockton.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require applicant's service as a public utility warehouseman in the city of Stockton. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date hereof Delta Warehouse Company may discontinue operations as a public utility warehouseman in the city of Stockton and the authority set forth in Commission order dated July 26, 1960 in Case No. 6655 is hereby revoked. Said authority is subject to the condition that applicant continue to store grain in the existing warehouse facilities until delivery is requested by the owner thereof, or that applicant transfer the grain at its cost to a warehouse of its customer's choice within a 50-mile radius of Stockton.

2. Within one hundred twenty days after the date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall make appropriate tariff filings reflecting the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th
day of SEPTEMBER, 1973.

Thomas L. Johnson
President
William J. Moran
John J. Moran
Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.