## Decision No. 82174

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of

RICHMOND TRANSFER AND STORAGE COMPANY, a corporation, to acquire all of the stock of VANPAC CARRIERS, INC., a corporation, and of RALPH W. JOHNSON and WILLIAM F. BOTTOMS, a partnership dba MIDDLETOWN ENTERPRISES to acquire and control RICHMOND TRANSFER AND STORAGE COMPANY, a corporation.

Application No. 54440 (Filed November 8, 1973)

## <u>O P I N I O N</u>

This is an application for an order of the Commission authorizing (a) Richmond Transfer and Storage Company to acquire all the outstanding capital stock of, and to control, Vanpac Carriers, Inc., and (b) Ralph W. Johnson and William F. Bottoms, partners doing business as Middletown Enterprises, to control Richmond Transfer and Storage Company and Vanpac Carriers, Inc.

Richmond Transfer and Storage Company and Vanpac Carriers, Inc. are California corporations operating as public utility warehousemen subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. The shares of outstanding capital stock of both corporations are held equally by Ralph W. Johnson and William F. Bottoms. Richmond Transfer and Storage Company proposes to acquire through a contribution the stock of Vanpac Carriers, Inc. Ralph W. Johnson and William F. Bottoms, as partners doing business as Middletown Enterprises, propose to control Richmond Transfer and Storage Company which, in turn, would control Vanpac Carriers, Inc.

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After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transactions would 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.

## Q R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Richmond Transfer and Storage Company may acquire all the outstanding capital stock of, and may control, Vanpac Carriers, Inc.

2. Ralph W. Johnson and William F. Bottoms, partners doing business as Middletown Enterprises, may control Richmond Transfer and Storage Company and Vanpac Carriors, Inc.

3. The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>27</u><sup>10</sup> day of November, 1973.

Commissioners