

Decision No. 82340**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of CALIFORNIA SYRUP & EXTRACT
COMPANY, a corporation doing
business as EMERYVILLE TRANSPOR-
TATION COMPANY, for authorization
to increase rates as a public ware-
houseman for the storage of liquid
sweeteners in bulk in tanks in
Emeryville, California.

Application No. 54442
(Filed November 12, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER

The California Syrup & Extract Company, a corporation doing business as Emeryville Transportation Company, operates as a public utility warehouseman for the storage of liquid sweeteners, in bulk in tanks, at Emeryville, California. Applicant seeks authority to increase its current storage and handling rates named in Emeryville Transportation Company Warehouse Tariff No. 1.

Applicant states that its tariff rates and charges have remained unchanged since December 7, 1970. Since that time its utility warehouse operations have sustained substantial increases in expenses. For example, as of April 25, 1973 applicant has experienced the following increases in wage costs and fringe benefits:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Base Hourly Wage Rate</u>	<u>Fringe Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
12-7-70	\$4.885	\$1.405	\$6.350
4-25-73	6.395	1.920	8.315
Increase	\$1.510	\$0.455	\$1.965

At the present time applicant has five employees assigned to its warehouse operations and 11 customers using its utility warehousing facilities. All 11 customers were requested to approve a \$0.02 per hundred weight increase in storage rates, and all 11 customers agreed to the proposed increase.

In support of the sought relief applicant has submitted financial statements pertaining to the results of its utility warehouse operations as of December 31, 1972. It has also tendered a pro forma income statement for the test year 1972 giving effect to the proposed rate increases. A comparison of applicant's utility warehouse income statement for the year 1972 with a like projected rate year under the proposed rate increase follows:

	Year Ended 1972	Test Year 1972
Operating Revenues	\$174,162	\$180,754
Operating Expenses	169,552	175,300
Net Operating Income	\$ 4,610	\$ 5,454
Other Income	1,509	495
Gross Income	\$ 6,119	\$ 5,949
Less: Interest on long-term debt	1,937	-
Net Income Before Income Taxes	\$ 4,182	\$ 5,949
Income Taxes	1,234	1,657
Net Income	\$ 2,948	\$ 4,292

Applicant's computations indicate that its rate proposal will produce \$6,592 in additional revenues which is 7.11 percent of actual revenue affected and 3.78 percent of total revenue.

It is requested that the Commission grant the sought increase by ex parte order on five days' notice. The verified application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar for November 13, 1973. The Commission's Transportation Division staff has reviewed the application and believes it is one which, in the absence of protest, may be granted by ex parte order. No protests have been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the sought increase in utility warehouse rates and charges of Emeryville Transportation Company has been shown to be fully justified. A public hearing in this matter is not required.

The Commission concludes that Application No. 54442 should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Syrup & Extract Company, a corporation doing business as Emeryville Transportation Company, is authorized to establish the increased storage rates and charges proposed in Application No. 54442. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. The authority herein granted is subject to the express condition that applicant will never urge before the Commission in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities Code, or in any other proceeding, that the opinion and order herein constitutes a finding of fact of the reasonableness of any particular rate or charge, and that the filing of rates and charges pursuant to the authority herein granted will be construed as consent to this condition.

3. The authority shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of JANUARY, 1974.

Vernon L. Stevens
President
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Commissioners