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Decision No. 82505

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application)
 of LADS FURNITURE FREIGHT, INC.,)
 for authority pursuant to Section)
 851 of the California Public)
 Utilities Code to transfer certain)
 real property to PETER DE BAUN,)
 Trustee.)

Application No. 54600
 (Filed January 25, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Lads Furniture Freight, Inc. seeks authority to transfer its terminal facility property to Peter De Baun, Trustee.

Applicant is a California corporation operating as a highway common carrier of new household, office and store furniture and fixtures and appliances in various portions of California. Operations are also conducted under permits issued by this Commission and under Interstate Commerce Commission authority. Its balance sheet at June 30, 1973, as summarized from Appendix B, attached to the application, is as follows:

Assets

Current assets	\$407,736
Net fixed assets	142,881
Other assets	<u>12,477</u>
Total	<u>\$563,094</u>

Liabilities

Current and accrued liabilities	\$390,953
Long-term liabilities	233,700
Common stock equity	<u>(61,559)</u>
Total	<u>\$563,094</u>

The company proposes to transfer its terminal facility property, located at 3540 East 26th Street, Vernon, California, to Peter De Baun, Trustee, for the sum of \$325,000, payable \$250,000 in cash and \$75,000 to be evidenced by a five-year promissory note. Concurrently with the transfer, the carrier proposes to lease back the property at a monthly rental of \$4,000. The proceeds from the transfer would be used in partial retirement of its outstanding obligations.

The application indicates that the proposed transactions represent an endeavor by the new management to place the company on a stable and profitable basis, and that the retirement of a significant portion of outstanding indebtedness would make future cash flow available for updating equipment and other physical facilities, thus performing a more responsive service in the public interest.

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. The action taken herein shall not be construed as a finding of the value of the property to be transferred.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Lads Furniture Freight, Inc. may sell and transfer to Peter De Baun, Trustee, the terminal property described in the application in accordance with the terms set forth in this proceeding.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day
of FEBRUARY, 1974.

Vernon L. Stearns
President
William J. Squares
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Commissioners