

ORIGINALDecision No. 82558

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 METROPOLITAN WAREHOUSE COMPANY, a)
 corporation, for authority to acquire)
 certain Certificates of Public Con-)
 venience and Necessity, and METRO)
 DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, INC., to trans-)
 fer pursuant to Sections 851-853 of)
 the California Public Utilities Code.)

Application No. 54573
 (Filed January 11, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Metro Distribution Centers, Inc. requests authority to sell and transfer, and Metropolitan Warehouse Company requests authority to purchase and acquire, a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing operations as a highway common carrier. Both are California corporations.

The certificate was granted by Decision No. 80395 dated August 29, 1972 in Application No. 53460 and authorizes the transportation of general commodities, with certain exceptions, between points in the Los Angeles Basin Territory. The agreed cash consideration is \$30,000. A value of \$20,000 is placed upon the intrastate authority and a value of \$10,000 is placed upon corresponding interstate authority. As of October 31, 1973 applicant purchaser indicated a net worth in the amount of \$629,475.

It is alleged that the proposed transfer is for the purpose of corporate simplification; that all employees of applicant seller will be acquired by applicant purchaser, and that for all practical purposes there will be no change in the operations.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest and concludes that it should be authorized. We further find with reasonable certainty that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment. A public hearing is not necessary. The order which follows will provide for, in the event the transfer is completed, the revocation of the certificate presently held by Metro Distribution Centers, Inc. and the issuance of a certificate in appendix form to Metropolitan Warehouse Company.

Metropolitan Warehouse Company is placed on notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, such rights extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business. This monopoly feature may be modified or canceled at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before December 1, 1974, Metro Distribution Centers, Inc. may sell and transfer the operative rights referred to in the application to Metropolitan Warehouse Company.
2. Within thirty days after the transfer the purchaser shall file with the Commission written acceptance of the certificate and a true copy of the bill of sale or other instrument of transfer.

3. Purchaser shall amend or reissue the tariffs on file with the Commission, naming rates and rules governing the common carrier operations transferred to show that it has adopted or established, as its own, the rates and rules. The tariff filings shall 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 the public, and the effective date of the tariff filings shall be concurrent with the transfer. The tariff filings made pursuant to this order shall comply in all respects with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 80-Series. Failure to comply with the provisions of General Order No. 80-Series may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

4. On or before the end of the third month after the transfer the purchaser shall cause to be filed with the Commission, in such form as the Commission may prescribe, an annual report, or reports, related to the operations of the seller for the period commencing with the first day of the current year to and including the effective date of the transfer.

5. In the event the transfer authorized in paragraph 1 is completed, effective concurrently with the effective date of the tariff filings required by paragraph 3, a certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Metropolitan Warehouse Company, a corporation, authorizing it to operate as a highway common carrier, as defined in Section 213 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

6. The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 80395 is revoked effective concurrently with the effective date of the tariff filings required by paragraph 3.

7. Purchaser shall comply with the safety rules of the California Highway Patrol and the insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 100-Series.

8. Purchaser shall maintain its accounting records on a calendar year basis in conformance with the applicable Uniform System of Accounts or Chart of Accounts as prescribed or adopted by this Commission and shall file with the Commission, on or before March 31 of each year, an annual report of its operations in such form, content, and number of copies as the Commission, from time to time, shall prescribe.

9. Purchaser shall comply with the requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 84-Series for the transportation of collect on delivery shipments. If purchaser elects not to transport collect on delivery shipments, it shall make the appropriate tariff filings as required by the General Order.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th
day of MARCH, 1974.

William L. Shuman
President
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Commissioners

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

Metropolitan Warehouse Company, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to conduct operations as a highway common carrier as defined in Section 213 of the Public Utilities Code for the transportation of general commodities between all points and places in the Los Angeles Basin Territory as described in Note A.

Except that pursuant to the authority herein granted, carrier shall not transport any shipments of:

1. Used household goods and personal effects not packed in accordance with the crated property requirements set forth in Item 5 of Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B.
2. Automobiles, trucks and buses, viz.: new and used, finished or unfinished passenger automobiles (including jeeps), ambulances, hearses and taxis; freight automobiles, automobile chassis, trucks, truck chassis, truck trailers, trucks and trailers combined, buses and bus chassis.
3. Livestock, viz.: barrows, boars, bulls, butcher hogs, calves, cattle, cows, dairy cattle, ewes, feeder pigs, gilts, goats, heifers, hogs, kids, lambs, oxen, pigs, rams (bucks), sheep, sheep camp outfits, sows, steers, stags, swine or wethers.
4. Liquids, compressed gases, commodities in semi-plastic form and commodities in suspension in liquids in bulk, in tank trucks, tank trailers, tank semitrailers or a combination of such highway vehicles.
5. Commodities when transported in bulk in dump trucks or in hopper-type trucks.

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6. Commodities when transported in motor vehicles equipped for mechanical mixing in transit.
7. Logs.
8. Commodities requiring the use of special refrigeration or temperature control in specially designed and constructed refrigerator equipment.

Note A

LOS ANGELES BASIN TERRITORY

Los Angeles Basin Territory includes that area embraced by the following boundary: Beginning at the point the Ventura County-Los Angeles County Boundary Line intersects the Pacific Ocean; thence northeasterly along said county line to the point it intersects State Highway 118, approximately two miles west of Chatsworth; easterly along State Highway 118 to Sepulveda Boulevard; northerly along Sepulveda Boulevard to Chatsworth Drive; northeasterly along Chatsworth Drive to the corporate boundary of the City of San Fernando; westerly and northerly along said corporate boundary of the City of San Fernando to Maclay Avenue; northeasterly along Maclay and its prolongation to the Los Angeles National Forest Boundary; southeasterly and easterly along the Angeles National Forest and San Bernardino National Forest Boundary to Mill Creek Road (State Highway 38); westerly along Mill Creek Road to Bryant Street; southerly along Bryant Street to and including the unincorporated community of Yucaipa; westerly along Yucaipa Boulevard to Interstate Highway 10; northwesterly along Interstate Highway 10 to Redlands Boulevard; northwesterly along Redlands Boulevard to Barton Road; westerly along Barton Road to La Cadena Drive; southerly along La Cadena Drive to Iowa Avenue; southerly along Iowa Avenue to State Highway 60; southeasterly along State Highway 60 and U.S. Highway 395 to Nuevo Road; easterly along Nuevo Road via Nuevo and Lakeview to State Highway 79; southerly along State Highway 79 to State Highway 74; thence westerly to the corporate boundary of the City of Hemet; southerly, westerly and northerly along said corporate boundary to The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe right-of-way; southerly along said right-of-way to Washington Road; southerly along Washington Road through and including the unincorporated community of Winchester to Benton Road; westerly along Benton Road to Winchester Road (State Highway 79) to Jefferson Avenue; southerly along Jefferson Avenue to U.S. Highway 395; southerly along U.S. Highway 395 to the Riverside County-San Diego

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County Boundary Line; westerly along said boundary line to the Orange County-San Diego County Boundary Line; southerly along said boundary line to the Pacific Ocean; northwesterly along the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean to point of beginning, including the point of March Air Force Base.

(END OF APPENDIX A)

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