

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 83629

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of
ECKDAHL WAREHOUSE CO., a corporation,
for authority under Section 454 of
the Public Utilities Code to increase
certain rates in its Warehouse Tariff
Cal. P.U.C. No. 2.

Application No. 54854
(Filed May 3, 1974; amended
September 13, 1974)

O P I N I O N

By this application Eckdahl Warehouse Co. (Eckdahl), a corporation, requests ex parte authority to increase its public utility warehouse rates and charges named in its Warehouse Tariff No. 7, CPUC No. 2. The proposed rates and charges are set forth in Exhibit A attached to the application. In many instances the proposed tariff charges reflect those in effect as of January 1, 1974 in the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff 2, or in the California Warehouse Tariff Bureau Tariff 28-A, CPUC No. 193, effective March 17, 1974.

Eckdahl's storage rates and charges were last generally adjusted pursuant to Decision No. 79356 dated November 22, 1971 in Application No. 52567 (72 CPUC 608). Eckdahl's balance sheet for the year ending 1973 is attached to the original application as Exhibit B thereto. A comparative income statement pertaining to applicant's utility warehouse activities for the years 1972, 1973, and 1974 (through May 31, 1974) is attached to the first amendment of the application. A summary of the comparative income statement follows:

TABLE 1
Comparative Income and Expense Statement
For Years Ending 1972, 1973, and 1974
(Through May 31, 1974)

<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Years Ending</u>		<u>Jan. 1 through May 31, 1974</u>
	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	
<u>Revenue</u>			
Storage	\$ 84,834	\$ 82,581	\$ 27,663
Handling	201,660	225,373	97,917
Insurance	2,118	1,888	411
Miscellaneous	5,162	633	(51)
Clerical	<u>6,282</u>	<u>11,867</u>	<u>3,374</u>
Total	\$300,056	\$322,342	\$129,314
Total Expenses	<u>290,952</u>	<u>397,301</u>	<u>158,190</u>
Profit (or Loss)			
Before Taxes	\$ 9,104	\$(74,961)	\$(28,876)
Operating Ratio	97.0%	123.3%	122.3%

(Red Figure)

In Exhibit 2 attached to the application Eckdahl's actual revenues and expenses for the months of January through May 1974 are shown together with a projection of the impact of the proposed rate increase upon revenues for the months of June through December 1974. A summary of applicant's latter computations follows:

TABLE 2

Operating Revenues and Expenses -
Actual January through May 1974 and
Projected June through December 1974

<u>Months</u>	<u>Operating Revenues</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Profit (Or Loss)</u>	<u>Sought Increase</u>	<u>Net Gain (Or Loss)</u>
January	\$26,893	\$34,647	\$(7,754)	\$ -	\$(7,754)
February	25,713	30,067	(4,354)	-	(4,354)
March	31,828	31,183	645	-	645
April	23,634	31,146	(7,512)	-	(7,512)
May	21,246	31,147	(9,901)	-	(9,901)
June	14,895	20,922	(6,027)	-	(6,027)
July	14,628	21,707	(7,079)	-	(7,079)
August	15,728	22,168	(6,430)	5,493	(937)
September	16,027	22,526	(6,499)	5,593	(906)
October	19,060	25,595	(6,535)	6,652	117
November	20,930	28,024	(7,094)	7,305	211
December	18,912	25,939	(7,027)	6,600	(427)

The Commission's Transportation Division staff has reviewed the sought relief and suggests that, in the absence of protest, Application No. 54854, as amended, be granted by ex parte order. Eckdahl's storers have been notified of the sought rate increase. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar for May 7, 1974. No protests or requests for public hearing have been received.

The Commission finds that Eckdahl's proposed increase in its tariff rates and charges has been shown to be justified. It is concluded that Application No. 54854, as amended, should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Eckdahl Warehouse Co. is authorized to establish the increased rates and charges proposed in Application No. 54854, as amended.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein 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 hereof on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public.

3. 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 constitute 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.

4. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd
day of OCTOBER, 1974.

William L. Sturgeon
President
William J. Lyons Jr.

Commissioners

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

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Michael Jr., Commissioner