

Decision No. 84082**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
USCO SERVICES, INC., for an Order
Authorizing Applicant to increase
rates and charges pursuant to
Public Utilities Code Section 454,
and Rule 23 of the Commission's
Rules of Procedure.

Application No. 55272
(Filed October 24, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is engaged in the business of a public utility warehouseman at various localities including South San Francisco. The rates charged by applicant at its South San Francisco facility are set forth in its Warehouse Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2. Applicant seeks to increase the rates and charges applicable to its South San Francisco facility by 15 percent, dropping amounts less than one-half cent and increasing amounts of one-half cent or more to the next whole cent.

Applicant alleges that it has experienced increases in wages, payroll expenses, materials and supplies, maintenance and repairs, and rent. Exhibit A, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the year 1973, together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue and adjustment of expenses to reflect current costs. The exhibit discloses that if the sought increase is not granted applicant will sustain a loss of \$5,354. If the increase is granted applicant will realize a net profit after taxes of \$4,256 and an operating ratio of 95.9 percent.

Applicant's storers have been informed of the relief sought. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar dated October 30, 1974. There are no protests.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. Applicant's present tariff rates and charges do not provide revenues sufficient to meet expenses incurred in providing public utility warehouse services at South San Francisco.
2. Applicant has demonstrated a need of additional revenues for its public utility warehouse operations at South San Francisco.
3. The proposed increase will not produce excessive earnings for applicant.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.
5. The proposed increase has been shown to be justified.

The Commission concludes that Application No. 55272 should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. USCO Services, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application No. 55272. 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 thirty days after the effective date hereof on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
2. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.
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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of FEBRUARY, 1975.

Vernon L. Lingen
President
William Aguayo Jr.
Donald Ross
Commissioners