

Decision No. 84962

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
EAY AREA WAREHOUSE CO. (Wellson, Inc.,  
dba), et al, as specifically named in  
Paragraph 1 herein, for an increase  
in rates.

Application No. 55805  
(Filed July 15, 1975)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Applicants are 38 public utility warehousemen operating warehouse facilities in the metropolitan San Francisco-East Bay area for the storage and handling of general merchandise. By this application they request authority for an interim ex parte surcharge increase of 5-1/2 percent in all their rates and charges other than storage pending hearing relative to specific sought increases in rates and charges ranging between 5 and 19 percent.

Decisions Nos. 84840, 84341, and 84818 dated August 26, 1975 in Applications Nos. 55488, 55058, and 54471, respectively, announced a new regulatory policy of the Commission as follows:

"Principally, the Commission intends to encourage the availability of individual tariff filing by the various warehousemen and to protect the potentiality of individual action both within and among the various tariff bureaus. Accordingly, the Commission will henceforth set rates on an individual basis, granting permission to increase rates only to those warehouses which are both efficiently operated and unable to earn a reasonable return at existing rates. Group filings of a single rate for warehousing services where no individual justification has been made by the members of the group will be subject to dismissal."

In announcing the above new regulatory policy the Commission found that:

"To promote the establishment of competitive ratemaking, rates should be set on an individual basis granting authority to increase rates only to those warehousemen which are both efficiently operated and unable to earn a reasonable return at existing rates. Henceforth, rate increase applications involving warehousemen will be considered on an individual basis."

Applicants' consolidated sought relief having been fully considered in the light of the aforementioned new regulatory policy and finding of the Commission, it has been determined that Application No. 55805 should be dismissed without prejudice to a subsequent request for relief filed by or on behalf of individual warehousemen in conformity with the new regulatory policy adopted by the Commission for the regulation of utility warehouse tariff rates and charges.

IT IS ORDERED that Application No. 55805 is dismissed.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th  
day of OCTOBER, 1975.

*I dissent*  
*William Lyons*  
Commissioner

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President  
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Commissioners