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Decision No. 85227

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of TULELAKE COLD STORAGE, INC.,)
dba TULELAKE COLD STORAGE CO.,)
for an Increase in Rates)

Application No. 55986
(Filed October 6, 1975)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Tulelake Cold Storage, Inc., a corporation, doing business as Tulelake Cold Storage Co., seeks to increase its accessorial charges, first week storage and handling charges on canning pears and first month storage and handling charges on other commodities by 20 percent and its subsequent weekly or monthly storage charges by 15 percent.¹

Applicant states that its present rates have been in effect since January 20, 1964, and it has experienced substantial increases in costs in all phases of its operations since that date. Applicant avers that the aforementioned rates do not yield sufficient revenues to enable it to conduct its warehouse operations at a reasonable profit. Applicant alleges that it only realized a profit of \$102.08 for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1975, and anticipates that it will realize a profit of approximately \$27,000 in the ensuing year under the proposed rates and an operating ratio of 87.3 and a rate of return of 8.04 percent.²

¹The present rates are set forth in Tulelake Cold Storage Warehouse Tariff No. 11, Cal.P.U.C. No. 11 (Series of George A. Myers, Karl D. Gentry, Percy Murray, Richard M. Smith and Rosemary June Myers).

²Operations under the revised expenses and proposed rates are set forth in detail in Exhibit C attached to the application.

Applicant's storers have been informed of the sought relief. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 7, 1975. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases which will result from applicant's proposal are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.


IT IS ORDERED that:

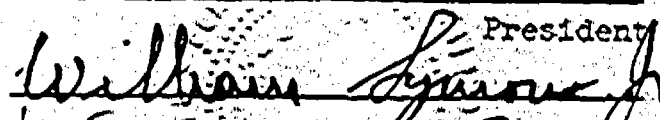


1. Tulelake Cold Storage, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish rates and charges in Tulelake Cold Storage Warehouse Tariff No. 11, Cal.P.U.C. No. 11 (Series of George A. Myers, Karl D. Gentry, Percy Murray, Richard M. Smith and Rosemary June Myers), as specifically proposed in the application.
2. Tariff 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 of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to 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.

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This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of December, 1975.



President




Commissioners

Commissioner Robert Batinovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.