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Decision No. ~~86443~~

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of UNION ICE & STORAGE COMPANY)
for an Increase in Rates.)

Application No. 56620
(Filed July 16, 1976)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a public utility warehouseman for the storage of commodities requiring refrigeration at Chico, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Oakland, Oxnard, National City, San Diego, San Jose, Santa Cruz and Stockton.

The rates currently charged by applicant for storage, handling and other services incidental thereto, and the rules and regulations governing the application of rates at the San Jose location are contained in Union Ice & Storage Company Cold Storage Warehouse Tariffs 18-C and 23, Cal.P.U.C. 45 and 49, respectively.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates and charges for storage by 15 percent and its charges for handling by 18 percent in connection with its warehouse operations at San Jose. The requested rate increases have been determined by applicant without consultation or agreement with any other warehouseman.

Applicant alleges that present rates are no longer compensatory due to increased costs of labor, power, taxes, and other operating costs and the increased rates are necessary to enable applicant to provide efficient service to the public.

Notice of the proposed increase was sent to the single storer. The storer has not registered any objection to the proposed increases.

Findings

1. The proposed increases have been shown to be justified.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.


The Commission concludes that the application should be granted. Since there is no protest and since the cold storage warehouse industry will be deregulated effective January 1, 1977 (S.B. 1319, Ch. 58, Stat. 1976), the Commission further concludes that the effective date of this order should be the date on which it is signed.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to establish the increased rates in Application 56620. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
2. The authority shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.
3. The authority granted by this order is subject to the express condition that applicant will never urge before this Commission in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities Code, or in any other proceeding, that this opinion and order constitute a finding of fact of the reasonableness of any particular rate or charge. The filing of rates and charges pursuant to this order will be construed as a consent to this condition.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of
September, 1976.

 President
William Synovis
Vernon L. Sturgeon
Leonard Ross
Robert Bateman
Commissioners