

Decision No. 86728

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SAN FRANCISCO WAREHOUSE CO.)
for an increase in Rates.)

Application No. 56778
(Filed September 28, 1976)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at San Francisco. The rates, rules, and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in its Warehouse Tariffs Nos. 1 and 2, Cal. P.U.C. Nos. 1 and 2, respectively.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates and charges by 10 percent for storage and 20 percent for other services at San Francisco resulting in an overall increase of 14.4 percent. The requested rate increase has been determined by applicant without consultation or agreement with any other warehouseman.

Applicant alleges that its present rates do not yield sufficient revenue to allow applicant to conduct its warehouse operations at a profit.

Applicant's rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 85599 dated March 23, 1976 in Application 56071.

Applicant further alleges that additional revenue is required because of increased costs in all phases of operations, the most significant being the increased cost of plant and clerical labor.

Exhibit C, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the test year ended December 31, 1975, modified to include the 1976 rate increase, together with adjustments to

reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that during the modified test year applicant realized a profit of \$338 and an operating ratio of 99.9 percent. Had the sought rates been in effect during the test year, together with expenses revised to reflect current costs, applicant would have realized a profit of \$18,443, and an operating ratio of 94.8 percent.

Notice of the proposed increase was sent to each of applicant's storers. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings

1. Applicant's rates were last adjusted by Decision 85599 dated March 23, 1976, in Application 56071.
2. Since applicant's rates were last adjusted it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased cost of plant and clerical labor.
3. Under the increase sought herein applicant estimates it will realize additional revenue of \$70,789, and an operating ratio of 94.8 percent.
4. The proposed increases in applicant's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

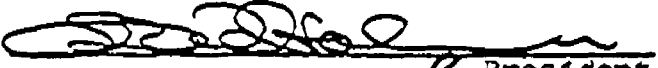
IT IS ORDERED that:

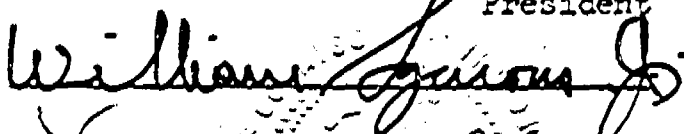
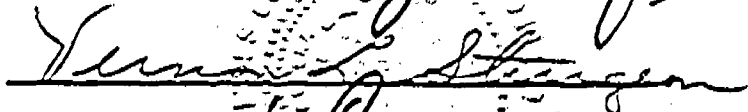
1. San Francisco Warehouse Company is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 56778. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
2. The authority shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

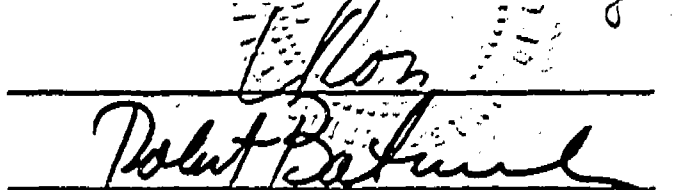
3. The authority granted by this order is subject to the express condition that applicant will never urge before the Commission in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities Code, or in any other proceeding, that this opinion and order constitute a finding of fact of the reasonableness 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 shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of December, 1976.



President





Commissioners