

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 86751

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Applica-)
tion of Cristina Warehouse Co.,) Application No. 56853
Inc. for an Increase in Rates.) (Filed November 5, 1976)
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OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at San Jose. The rates, rules, and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in California Warehouse Tariff Bureau Warehouse Tariff No. 84, Cal.P.U.C. No. 271, of Jack L. Dawson, Agent, and Cristina Warehouse Co., Inc., Warehouse Tariff No. 3, Cal.P.U.C. No. 3.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates by twelve percent and to cancel the rates for storage of industrial tires in Cristina Warehouse Tariff No. 3, Cal.P.U.C. No. 3. The requested rate increase has been determined by applicant without consultation or agreement with any other warehouseman. If the increase is granted, the rates will be published by applicant in an individual tariff or tariffs.

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

Applicant's rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 84681 dated July 15, 1975, in Application 55586.

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 June 30, 1976, together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that during the test year applicant sustained a loss of \$63,026 and an operating ratio of 120 percent. Had the sought rates been in effect during the test year applicant would have sustained a loss of \$25,270 and an operating ratio of 107 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 84681 dated July 15, 1975, in Application 55586.
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 increases sought herein applicant estimates it will realize additional revenue of \$37,755 and an operating ratio after taxes of 107 percent.
4. The proposed increases in applicant's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

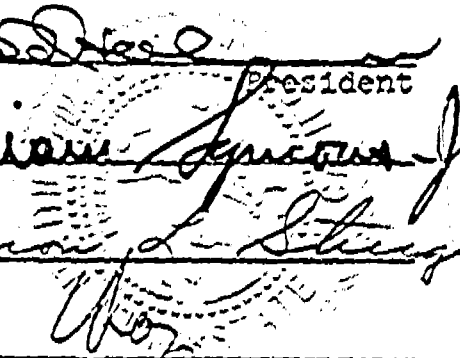
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Cristina Warehouse Co., Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 56853. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty 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 shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of December, 1976.


William J. Sproul, Jr. President
Vernon L. Steigman
Robert Bateman Commissioners