

LSJ/cab

Decision No. 87728 AUG 16 1977

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Dart Public Warehouse, Inc., )  
seeking authority to increase )  
rates for its account in Western )  
Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, )  
Warehouse Tariff Nos. 1 and 2 )  
applicable for storage and han- )  
dling in Southern California. )

Application No. 57349  
(Filed May 27, 1977)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at Vernon. The rates, rules and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Warehouse Tariff Nos. 1 and 2, Cal.P.U.C. Nos. 35 and 36, respectively.

Applicant requests authority to increase rates by ten percent.

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 84840 dated August 26, 1975 in Application 55488.

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

Exhibit B, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the test year ending December 31, 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 \$65 and an operating ratio of 100 percent. Had the sought rates been in effect during the test year applicant would have realized a profit of \$19,746 and an operating ratio of 95.3 percent.

A. 57349 - cab

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 84840 dated August 26, 1975, in Application 55488.
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 \$38,194 and an operating ratio of 95.3 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. Dart Public Warehouse, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 57349. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than one day after the effective date of this order on not less than one day's 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.

A. 57349 - cab

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST 1977.

Robert Baker

President

William S. Brown, Jr.

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Robert D. Howell

Walter L. D. Smith

Commissioners