

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 89154 JUL 25 1978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of PACIFIC COAST TERMINAL WARE-)	Application No. 58081
HOUSE CO. for an Increase in)	(Filed May 19, 1978)
Rates.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant, Pacific Coast Terminal Warehouse Co.,¹ a corporation, 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 No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. 35; Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Warehouse Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. 36; Pacific Coast Terminal Warehouse Co., Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. (Surcharge Tariff).

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates and charges by 10 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 it to conduct its warehouse operations at a profit.

Applicant's rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 86824 dated January 5, 1977 in Application 56870.

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 C, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the test year ended December 31, 1977 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that during the test

¹By Resolution TS-297, dated June 13, 1978, authority was granted to change its corporate name to: Pacific Coast Warehouse Company.

year at current cost levels, applicant would incur a loss of \$134,205 and an operating ratio of 106.28 percent. Had the sought rates been in effect during the test year, applicant would have realized a profit after taxes of \$51,508 and an operating ratio of 97.81 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 86824 dated January 5, 1977, in Application 56870.

2. Since applicant's rates were last adjusted, it has experienced increases in operating expense, 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 \$213,721 and an operating ratio of 97.81 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. Pacific Coast Terminal Warehouse Co. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 58081. 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 five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five 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

A. 58081 - FS

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 thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of JULY, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President
William Gussone, Jr.
Young L. Sturgeon
Richard D. Howell
Clare L. DeSire
Commissioners