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Decision No. 91532 APR 2 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of David S. Adams, D. Q. Adams, )  
W. W. Adams, Elizabeth Adams )  
McCandless, Margaret Adams )  
Dallan, Nancy Adams Bloom, )  
Thomas Nelson Dungan, David Q. )  
Dungan, Marsha G. Stodghill, )  
William O. Adams, Elizabeth )  
Adams Peabody and Marie-Luise )  
Adams, dba ADAMS, SCHWAB & ADAMS )  
WAREHOUSE CO., for an Increase )  
in Rates. )

Application No. 59423  
(Filed February 5, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a public utility warehouseman for the storage of agricultural commodities at Woodland. The rates, rules and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in Adams, Schwab & Adams Warehouse Co., Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates to yield a ten percent increase in revenue. The requested rate increase has been determined by applicant without consultation or agreement with any other warehouseman and is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

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

Applicant's rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 87422 dated June 1, 1977, in Application 57296.

Exhibit C, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the test year ended April 30, 1979 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibits disclose that during the test year applicant realized a profit of \$49,890 and an operating ratio of 85 percent. Had the sought rates been in effect during the test year with expenses revised to reflect current costs applicant would have realized a profit of \$52,580 and an operating ratio of 86 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 87422 dated June 1, 1977, in Application 57296.

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 \$34,165 and an operating ratio of 86 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. David S. Adams, D. Q. Adams, W. W. Adams, Elizabeth Adams McCandless, Margaret Adams Dallam, Nancy Adams Bloom, Thomas Nelson Dungan, David Q. Dungan, Marshal G. Stodghill, William O. Adams, Elizabeth Adams Peabody and Marie-Luise Adams, dba ADAMS, SCHWAB & ADAMS WAREHOUSE CO., is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 59423. Tariff publications authorized to be

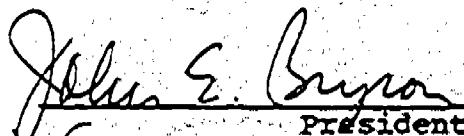
made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

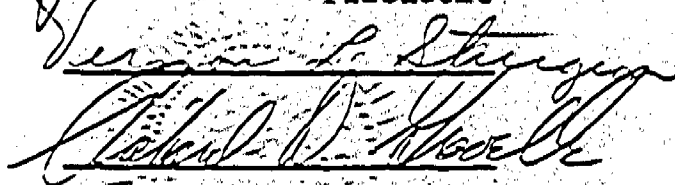
2. The authority shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

3. Nothing in this opinion and order constitutes a finding of fact regarding the reasonableness of any particular rate or charge filed pursuant to this order, and applicant, by reason of this declaration, has no ground to contend to the contrary in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities Code or in any other proceeding.

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

Dated APR 2 1980, at San Francisco, California.

  
President

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

Commissioner Claire T. Dodrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.