

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application)	
of California Cartage Warehousing)	
Co., A Division of California)	
Cartage Company, Inc., seeking)	Application No. 59528
authority to increase rates for)	(Filed March 20, 1980)
its account in its own individual)	
Warehouse Tariff 1 applicable for)	
storage and in Southern)	
California.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a California corporation and a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at Dominguez. The rates, rules and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in its Warehouse Tariff 1, Cal. P.U.C. 1.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates and charges for storage and for other than storage. 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 90183 dated April 10, 1979, in Application 58697.

Exhibit B, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the period from January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that

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during that period applicant realized a profit of \$43,695 and an operating ratio of 95.1 percent. Projected results for the above period with expenses revised to reflect current costs without the sought rates would result in an operating ratio of 101 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 90183 dated April 10, 1979, in Application 58697.

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 its profit before taxes will be \$100,000 and an operating ratio of 90.2 percent.

4. The proposed increase in applicant's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.

5. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Cartage Warehousing Co. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 59528. 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 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.

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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 JUN 3 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byron
President
Thomas L. Strangman
Richard W. Hoebel
Lawrence J. Quinn
Commissioners

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