

Decision No. 91941 JUN 17 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of PACIFIC COAST SERVICE CO. for)	Application No. 59600
an Increase in Rates.)	(Filed April 18, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant, Pacific Coast Service Co., is a California corporation and a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at South San Francisco. The rates, rules and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in Pacific Coast Service Co., Warehouse Tariffs Nos. 1 and 4, Cal. P.U.C. Nos. 1 and 4, respectively.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates and charges for storage and for other than storage by 12 percent. 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 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 91507 dated November 20, 1979 in Application 59223.

Exhibit C, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the period from May 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that during that period, applicant sustained a loss after taxes of \$6,411 and an operating ratio of 105 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 91507 dated November 20, 1979 in Application 59223.

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 after taxes will be \$1,063 and an operating ratio of 99 percent.

4. The proposed increase in applicant's rates and charges has 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. Pacific Coast Service Co. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 59600. 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.

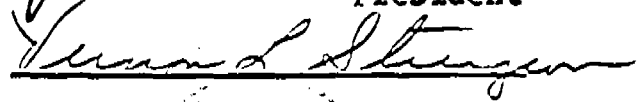
2. The authority shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

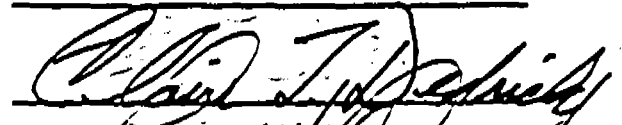
3. Nothing in this opinion and order constitutes a finding of fact regarding the reasonableness of any particular rate or charge filed pursuant to this order, and applicant, by reason of this declaration, has no ground to contend to the contrary in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities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

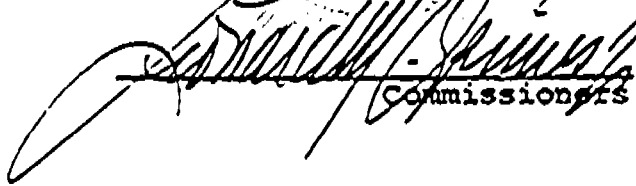
The effective date of this order shall be thirty days
after the date hereof. JUN 17 1980

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.


President






Commissioners

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being
necessarily absent, did not participate
in the disposition of this proceeding.