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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of Malcolm W. Lamb, dba South)	Application No. 59622
End Warehouse Company, for an)	(Filed May 1, 1980)
Increase in Rates.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant Malcolm W. Lamb, an individual doing business as South End Warehouse Company, is a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at San Francisco. The rates, rules and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in South End Warehouse Company 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 other than storage by 9 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 continue 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 90754 dated August 28, 1979 in Application 59004.

Exhibit C, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the period 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 during the period, applicant had a profit of \$45,730 and an operating ratio of 88 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 90754 dated August 28, 1979 in Application 59004.

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 will be \$27,769 and an operating ratio of 93.8 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. Malcolm W. Lamb, an individual doing business as South End Warehouse Company, is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 59622. 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 proceeding.

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

Dated JUN 17 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byrne
President
Herbert L. Sturgeon

Clair T. Dredlich
Samuel W. Pruitt
Commissioners

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