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Decision No. 92084 JUL 29 1980

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of: CITY DISTRIBUTION SERVICES,)	Application No. 59352
a corporation, for an Order)	(Filed December 24, 1979)
authorizing an increase in its)	(Amended June 5, 1980)
public warehouse rates.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant, City Distribution Services, (City), is a corporation and a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at Anaheim, Carson, Los Angeles and Santa Fe Springs. The rates, rules and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in City Warehouse Tariff No. 1, CAL. P.U.C. No. 1 and Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 35 which prescribes custom-bonded warehouse storage rates.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates and charges for storage and other than storage by approximately 19 percent. The requested rate increase has been determined by applicant without consultation or agreement with any other warehouseman. Since applicant has not increased its rates since 1976 this request is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

Applicant alleges that its present rates are no longer compensatory due to increased costs of labor, utilities, taxes and other operating costs experienced since the last rate increases. The proposed increased rates are necessary to enable City to provide efficient service to the public on a continuing basis.

Applicant seeks authority to cancel those rates and charges presently established for the account of City in each of the above described tariffs, and to establish the rates, rules and regulations prescribed in City Warehouse Tariff 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2, which is Exhibit 2-A of the amended application.

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Applicant's domestic rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 86516 dated October 13, 1976, in Application 56617 and custom-bonded services by Special Tariff Docket Order No. STD-8522.

Notice of the proposed increase was sent to each of applicant's storers. The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 28, 1979 and June 10, 1980 respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

FINDINGS

1. Applicant's domestic rates were last adjusted by Decision 86516 dated October 13, 1976 and custom-bonded services by STD-8522.

2. Since applicant's rates were last adjusted, it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased cost of labor and power.

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

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed increases are justified. 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. City Distribution Services, a corporation, is authorized to establish the increased rates as specifically proposed in Application 59352, as amended. 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 effective date of applicant's tariff publication authorized herein shall be concurrent with the effective date of applicant's cancellation of participation in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 35.

3. In complying with Paragraphs 1 and 2 above, applicant shall make tariff filings in compliance with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs as set forth in the Commission's General Order No. 61-Series.

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

5. 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 Executive Director is directed to cause service of a certified copy of the order to be made upon City Distribution Services or to mail a certified copy thereof to it at its known address as shown in the Commission's records and to mail a copy of this order to Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent.

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

Dated JUL 29 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byron
President
Vernon L. Sturgeon
Robert V. Gault
Thomas W. Quinn
Clare J. DeWitt
Commissioners