# Silasville v. Riverton Case Study

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### **Container Market Share**

#### • Silasville

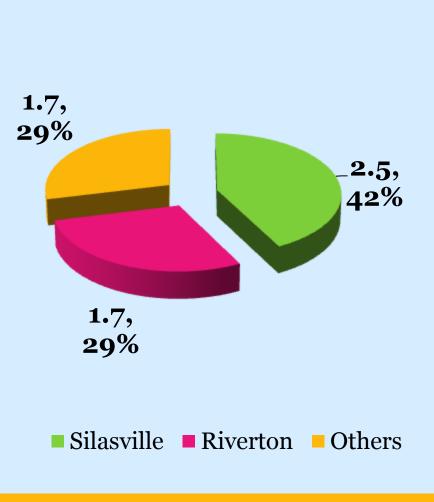
2.5 million TEU's42% Regional Market

### • Riverton

1.7 million TEU's 29% Regional Market

#### • All Other

- 1.7 million TEU's
- o 29% Regional Market





• Detailed Evaluation of Each Port's Relative Position of Success Over Next 20 Years

#### 4 Broad Categories

- o Infrastructure
- o Political Landscape
- Operations
- Marketing & Finance

Score Based on Port's Comparative Advantage

### Matrix: Infrastructure

Attributes	Silasville	Riverton
Available Land / Expansion Footprint	0	8
Existing Facilities	2	0
Intermodal Rail Location	0	8
Highway Access (dedicated, distance)	0	6
Distance to Ocean	1	0
Container on Barge	0	1
Average	0.5	3.8

# Matrix: Political Landscape

Attributes	Silasville	Riverton
Governance	3	0
Constituency (acceptance of tanks)	0	6
Economic Impact	1	0
Average	1.3	2.0

# **Matrix: Operations**

Attributes	Silasville	Pivorton
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Operating orientation (landlord etc)	0	4
Cargo Mix/ Diversification	4	0
Operational Experience	1	0
No. of Carriers	1	0
Century's Relative Importance	0	2
No. of employees	0	9
Labor	3	0
Container Volume	4	0
Lease Terms (minimums, expiration)	0	2
Average	1.4	1.9

# Matrix: Marketing & Finance

Attributes	Silasville	Riverton		
Population/consumption market	0	0		
Debt Type	0	10		
Revenue	0	4		
Marketing Budget	2	0		
Access to Capital	0	8		
Average	0.4	4.4		

### **Greatest Commercial Risk**

#### Silasville

- Limited Capacity for Upside Growth
- No Capacity for Additional Bonding
- Longest Customer Lease Expires in 3 years

• 1,000 Shovel Ready Acres

**Riverton** 

No Unsecured Debt

 Strong Financial Protection in Lease Terms



### **Greatest Constituent Evaluation Risk**

#### Silasville

#### **Riverton**

- Opposition to Remote Expansion Sites
- Opposition to Recent Container Opportunity
- Complacent Constituency

- Expansion Sites Remote and Industrial
- Embraced Burgeoning Tank Container Business
- Energized Constituency

# Winner: Salisville



### **Impact of Carrier's Desire to Control Terminal Operations**



Control of Labor & Costs

Capture of Profits

Vertical Efficiencies

**Significant Impact** 

#### **Changes in Nature of Public Challenges**

- Traditional focus on job creation giving way to greater emphasis on development impacts (environmental, aesthetic, etc.).
- Global competition requires greater efficiency, which motivates carrier to manage costs by taking control of operations.
- Ports demanding more security through guaranteed throughput and financial returns to reimburse investment costs.

# **Financial Subsidy**

#### **Property Tax Subsidy**

#### **General Obligation Bond**

- Flexibility to levy the additional tax to support operations or new facilities
- New voter approval not required.
- Can leverage additional funds by guaranteeing a revenue stream
  - Commercial loans
  - Revenue bonds.

- Limited to support of capital facilities
- Requires voter approval
- No guaranteed source of revenue to repay the bonds other than tax revenue.
  - Fixed tax rate/time period
  - may exceed the beneficial use of the facilities

### **Century's Strategic Goals**

- Secure best rate by playing each port against the other.
- Secure operational control to manage cost, capture profits and increase efficiency.
- Secure capacity to significantly expand operations over the next 5 to 15 years.

### And the Winner is...



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