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## Decision No. <u>43266</u>

ORIGIMAN

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of MAX FUND for exemption from filing bonds as required by General Order No. 84B.

Application No. 30515

## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is engaged in transporting property under the authority of city carrier and highway contract carrier permits issued by this Commission. Under the provisions of General Order No. 84B he may not handle C.O.D. (collect on delivery) shipments until he provides a surety bond of not less than \$2,000 and files such bond with the Commission. He seeks exemption from these requirements in connection with shipments transported for Grether & Grether, Inc., Los Angeles, wholesale distributors of dry goods. This company has informed the Commission in writing that it does not consider the bonding of applicant necessary in connection with its C.O.D. consignments.

The provisions of General Order No. 84B were established primarily for the benefit of shippers. Since the shipper involved herein has voluntarily waived the protection of the bonding requirements of the general order, it appears that the sought exemption is justified. A public hearing of the matter is not necessary. Attention is called to the fact that the exemption herein granted extends only to shipments for Grether & Grether, Inc. Should applicant desire to handle C.O.D. shipments for anyone else all outstanding requirements of the Commission's orders and of the statutes must be complied with.

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Therefore, good cause appearing.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Max Fund be and he is hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for Grether & Grether, Inc., Los Angeles, without providing and filing the surety bond required by General Order No. 84B; that this authority will expire one (1) year after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission; and that, in other respects, the rules and regulations set forth in General Order No. 84B shall govern the C.O.D. services involved in this proceeding.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this  $\frac{29}{2}$  day of August, 1949.

Commissioners