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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of George Clark Carlson (Carlson's) Express Moving) for exemption from) the provisions of General Order 84C) regarding C.O.D. Bond.)

Application No. 31777

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common, highway contract and city carrier permits. Under the provisions of General Order No. 84C 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 a bond with the Commission. He seeks exemption from these requirements in connection with shipments transported for Montgomery Ward & Co. Montgomery Ward's regional traffic manager has stated in writing that his company does not consider the bonding of applicant necessary in connection with its C.O.D. consignments.

Since the protection afforded by the bonding provisions of General Order No. 84C has been voluntarily waived by the shipper involved, it appears that the sought exemption is justified. The exemption herein granted extends only to shipments transported for Montgomery Ward & Co. 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.

Because the conditions under which the C.O.D. service in question is performed may change at any time, the exemption will be limited to a one-year period and made subject to such earlier cancellation, change or extension as circumstances may require.

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Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that George Clark Carlson, doing business as Carlson's Express Moving, be and he is hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for Montgomery Ward & Co. without providing and filing the surety bond required by General Order No. 84C; 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 all other respects, the rules and regulations set forth in General Order No. 84C 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 <u>3</u> day of October, 1950.