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Decision No. 45879

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) Robert Brown for exemption from pro-) visions of General Order 84-C requiring) C.O.D. surety bond.)

Application No. 32330

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OPINION AND OFDER

Applicant holds city and highway carrier permits issued by this Commission. Under the provisions of General Order 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 McBride Distributing Company. The company has informed the Commission in writing that the bonding of applicant is not necessary in connection with its C.O.D. consignments.

The bonding provisions were established primarily for the protection of shippers. Since that protection has been voluntarily waived by the shipper involved, it appears that the sought exemption is justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

Attention is called to the fact that the exemption herein granted extends only to shipments transported for McBride Distributing Company. Should applicant desire to handle C.O.D. shipments for anyone else, all outstanding requirements must be met.

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.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

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IT IS HEREEY OPDERED that Robert Brown be and he is hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for McBride Distributing Company without providing and filing the surety bond required by General Order No. 84C; that this authority shall 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 Los Angeles, California, this <u>J</u> day of May, 1951.