Decision No. 51546

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of S. W. SLONEKER and W. J. COON, copartners doing business under the firm name of C & S TRUCKING CO., for exemption from the provisions of General Order 84-C regarding C.O.D. Bond.

Application No. 36964

## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants hold a highway contract carrier permit. By Decision No. 50058 of May 18, 1954, in Application No. 35412, they were authorized to handle C.O.D. (collect on delivery) shipments for Hickinbotham Bros., Ltd., without securing and filing the bond required by General Order No. 84-C. The authority has expired. Applicants again seek relief from the bonding requirements. The shipper has again voluntarily waived the protection afforded by the C.O.D. bond.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that an extension of relief from the bond filing requirements is justified. Because the conditions under which the C.O.D. service in question is performed may change, the extension will be limited to a one-year period, subject to such further change as circumstances may require. So that applicants' exemption will not be inoperative for any appreciable length of time the order will be made effective immediately.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that S. W. Sloneker and W. J. Coon, copartners doing business as C & S Trucking Co., be and they are hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for Hickinbotham Bros.,

Ltd., without providing and filing the bond required by General Order No. 84-C; that this authority shall expire one 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. 84-C shall govern the C.O.D. services involved in this proceeding.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this Zeday of June,

Commissioners

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