

Decision No. 53252

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation to determine whether the provisions of proposed General Order No. 99 should be adopted and supersede the provisions of General Order No. 93-A pertaining to highway common carriers, petroleum irregular route carriers and petroleum contract carriers.

Case No. 5097

In re petition of United Parcel Service under Section 1.16 of General Order No. 99 for relief from requirement of carrying fire extinguishers.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

United Parcel Service, a corporation, by petition filed May 23, 1956, requests authority under Section 1.16 of General Order No. 99 to deviate from Section 3.04 of said General Order with respect to the requirement that fire extinguishers be placed on vehicles weighing not in excess of 6,000 pounds unladen gross weight. Applicant alleges that these vehicles generally are operated inside the limits of municipalities where fire protection would be available if needed; that such trucks operate in service areas which do not exceed a radius of 25 miles from the terminal where the trucks are based; that the type of delivery car utilized by it is so designed and constructed that its operation involves less hazard of fire and less need for fire extinguishers than other pick-up and delivery equipment operated by city trucking carriers for which fire extinguishers are not required under Section 3.04 of General Order No. 99; and that in more than thirty years of extensive operations United Parcel Service has never experienced a fire in any of its many parcel delivery trucks of 6,000 pounds or less unladen gross weight.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the request of the applicant is reasonable and should be granted,

IT IS ORDERED that United Parcel Service is authorized to deviate from the provisions of Section 3.04, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, of General Order No. 99 with respect to its vehicles having an unladen gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less when operating within a radius of 25 miles from the terminal at which they are based.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of June, 1956.

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Commissioners