

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 58122

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
George C. Covert, Covert Bros.)
Transfer, for exemption from the) Application No. 40861
provisions of General Order 84-C)
Regarding C.O.D. Bond.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, household goods carrier and city carrier permits. Decision No. 55816 dated November 12, 1957, in Application No. 39439 authorized him to handle C.O.D. (collect on delivery) shipments for the Merced store of Montgomery Ward & Company, Inc. without securing and filing a bond with the Commission as required by General Order No. 84-C. This authority expired January 8, 1959.

Applicant again seeks to be relieved of the C.O.D. bonding requirements. The application is accompanied by a letter addressed to the Commission from the regional traffic manager of Montgomery Ward & Company, Inc. The letter states that the shipper exercises close supervision over the operations of the applicant carrier, and asks that he be relieved from the necessity of obtaining a bond for the handling of C.O.D.'s

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

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.

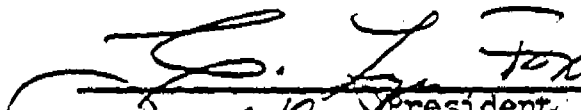
Attention is called to the fact that the exemption herein granted extends only to shipments transported for the Merced store of Montgomery Ward & Company, Inc. Should the applicant desire to handle C.O.D. shipments for anyone else, all outstanding requirements must be met.


Therefore, good cause appearing,

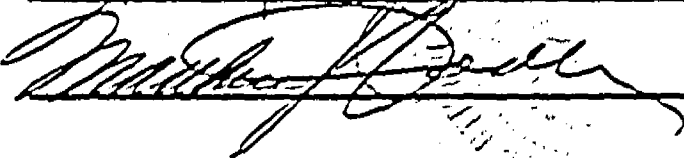
IT IS ORDERED that George C. Covert, dba Covert Bros. Transfer, is hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for the Merced store of Montgomery Ward & Company, Inc. without providing and filing the bond required by General Order No. 84-C; that this authority shall expire one year after the effective 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of March, 1959.



President




Commissioners