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Decision No.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
Romeo Le Mon for exemption from the)
provisions of General Order 84C) Applic
regarding C.O.D. Bond.)

Application No. 41123

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier 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 bond of not less than \$2,000 and files such a bond with the Commission. Applicant seeks exemption from these requirements in connection with shipments transported for Whittier Fertilizer Company, located in Pico-Rivera.

The application is accompanied by a letter from the shipper stating that only a small percentage of its deliveries are shipped on a C.O.D. basis; that applicant turns in all C.O.D. collections after each trip or on the following morning; and that the bonding of applicant is not necessary in connection with C.O.D. shipments of Whittier Fortilizer Company.

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 Whittier Fertilizer Company, located in Pico-Rivera. Should applicant desire to handle C.O.D. shipments for anyone else, all outstanding recuirements must be met.

Because the conditions under which the C.O.D. service in question is performed may change, the exemption will be limited to a

A-41123-E0 one-year period and made subject to such earlier cancellation, change or extension as circumstances may require. Therefore, good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED that Romeo Le Mon is hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for Whittier Fertilizer Company, located in Pico-Rivera, without providing and filing the bond required by General Order No. 84C; 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. 840 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 16 th day of Juno, 1959. Commissioners -2-