

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 59879

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
George C. Covert, Covert Bros. Transfer,) Application No. 42077
for exemption from the provisions of)
General Order 84 regarding C.O.D. Bond.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, household goods carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 58123 dated March 17, 1959, in Application No. 40861, he was authorized to handle C.O.D. (collect on delivery) shipments for a specified shipper in Merced without securing and filing with the Commission the bond otherwise required by General Order No. 84C. This authority is scheduled to expire April 6, 1960.

By this application, filed March 24, 1960, applicant seeks authority to continue to deviate from the C.O.D. bonding requirements.

The shipper 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 in this application, 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 the specified shipper in Merced. 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, 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,

IT IS ORDERED that George C. Covert is hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for the Merced store of Montgomery Ward and Company, Inc., without providing and filing the bond required by General Order No. 84C; that this authority shall expire April 6, 1961, 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 C.O.D. services involved in this proceeding.

This order shall become effective April 6, 1960.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of April, 1960.

President

Commissioners