

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 69380

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of application of)
Leonard L. Meacham for exemption) Application No. 47618
from the provisions of General) (Filed May 27, 1965)
Order 84C regarding C.O.D. Bond.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier and city carrier permits. By this application he seeks a renewal of his exemption from the provisions of General Order No. 84-E under which carriers may not handle C.O.D. shipments until a bond of not less than \$2,000 is provided and filed with the Commission. The sought exemption would apply only in connection with shipments transported for the shippers hereinafter designated. The application is accompanied by letters from the shippers stating, in effect, that the bonding of applicant is not necessary in connection with their C.O.D. consignments. The current authority is scheduled to expire with July 8, 1965.

General Order No. 84-E was superseded by General Order No. 84-F effective June 1, 1965.¹ The latter general order contains bonding requirements and additional provisions governing the handling of C.O.D. shipments. The bonding provisions are set forth in Ordering Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the general order. Corresponding provisions are set forth in minimum rate tariffs of the Commission.

¹General Order No. 84-F was adopted by the Commission by Decision No. 68779, dated March 23, 1965, in Case No. 7402.

Inasmuch as General Order No. 84-E is no longer in effect, the application will be considered as an amended application seeking relief from the bonding requirements of General Order No. 84-F.

The rules and requirements governing the transportation of C.O.D. shipments were established primarily for the protection of shippers. Since the bonding protection has been waived by the shippers involved in this application, the Commission finds 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 shippers. 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 further one-year period. In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective July 8, 1965.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Leonard L. Meacham is hereby relieved from the requirements of Ordering Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of General Order No. 84-F and the corresponding provisions set forth in minimum rate tariffs of the Commission in the handling of C.O.D. shipments for Belcher and Schacht, City Copier Service, Eastman, Inc., Gill's Office Supply and Equipment Co., Jensen Rubber Stamps and Long Beach Stationers.

2. The authority herein granted shall supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 67464, dated June 30, 1964, in Application No. 46706 and shall expire with July 8, 1966, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective July 8, 1965.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of July, 1965.

Frederick P. Hildebrand
President

J. E. Mitchell

George D. Trover

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William W. Bennett
Commissioners