

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70625

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of CALLISON TRUCK LINES, INC.,)	
for an ex parte order for exemp-)	Application No. 48249
tion from certain provisions of)	(Filed February 11, 1966)
General Order No. 84-F.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Callison Truck Lines, Inc., a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier for the transportation of general commodities between various points in California.¹ By this application it seeks authority to be exempted from the provisions of Paragraph 9(d) of General Order No. 84-F, which prohibit carriers from accepting checks or drafts (other than certified checks, cashier's checks, or money orders) in payment of C.O.D. charges unless authority has been received from the consignor. The exemption is sought only for shipments delivered by applicant to points it serves between and including Laytonville and Crescent City.

Applicant alleges that the area involved is mountainous and sparsely settled and that only nine of fifty named communities served by applicant in this region have banking facilities. Applicant states that it handles approximately 100 C.O.D. shipments per

¹ Applicant is authorized to serve generally all points on U.S. Highway 101 between and including Crescent City and Laytonville and all points located laterally within ten miles of said section of highway; and between the aforementioned points, on the one hand, and San Francisco Territory, on the other hand.

month in this area and that such shipments are usually delivered before or after regular banking hours, thus making it practically impossible for consignees to obtain cashier or certified checks for payment of C.O.D. shipments. Applicant avers that it would be impractical to give consignees prior notice of the arrival of C.O.D. shipments in order that they might be prepared to pay by cash or certified check. The scarcity of conveniently located banking facilities would result in considerable delay in the delivery of shipments, imposing an unreasonable burden on the consignee and additional expense to applicant. Applicant declares that it deposits all C.O.D. collections in its regular bank account, that it remits the amount without delay to the consignor and that it has never been delinquent in remitting C.O.D. collections.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 13, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the sought exemption is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Callison Truck Lines, Inc., a corporation, is hereby relieved from the requirements of Ordering Paragraph 9(d) of General Order No. 84-F in the handling of C.O.D. shipments delivered by it at all points on and within ten miles laterally of U.S. Highway 101 between and including Laytonville and Crescent City.

2. Callison Truck Lines, Inc., a corporation, is hereby authorized to amend its tariffs to reflect the authority herein granted. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of April, 1966.

Friedrich B. Halbach
President

W. E. Mitchell

George L. Hoover

Augustus

William H. Dennis

Commissioners