

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70937

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
LEONARD L. MEACHAM for the exemption)
from the provisions of General Order)
34C(sic) regarding C.O.D. Bond.)

Application No. 48564
(Filed June 17, 1966)

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 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, 1966.

General Order No. 84-F contains bonding requirements and additional provisions governing the handling of C.O.D. shipments. The bonding provisions are set forth in Ordering Paragraphs 2 to 7, inclusive, of the general order. Corresponding provisions are set forth in minimum rate tariffs of the Commission.

The 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. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

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, 1966.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Leonard L. Meacham is hereby relieved from the requirements of Ordering Paragraphs 2 to 7, inclusive, 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 Incorporated, Gill's Office Supplies, Jensen Rubber Stamps and Long Beach Stationers.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after July 8, 1966, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 69380 and shall expire with July 8, 1967.

This order shall become effective July 8, 1966.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of July, 1966.

Fredrick B. Holcomb
President
George T. Hoover
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Commissioners
Commissioner William M. Bennett, being
necessarily absent, did not participate
in the disposition of this proceeding.