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Decision No. 74499

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of CARL A. MARCH, an individual,) and the Commission's Decision) No. 72927 dated August 15, 1967,) in a proceeding that granted) authority to handle C.O.D.) shipments for MONTGOMERY WARD) without providing and filing) the bond required by General) Order 84-F

Application No. 50328 (Filed June 18, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 72927 dated August 15, 1967, in Application No. 49569, he was authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for Montgomery Ward & Co. without securing and filing a bond of not less than \$2,000 with the Commission as required by General Order No. 84-F. This authority is scheduled to expire with August 15, 1968.

By this application, exemption is again sought from the bonding requirements of the above general order in connection with C.O.D. service for the same shipper. Attached to the application, as Exhibit "A", is a letter from Montgomery Ward & Co. stating in effect that the bonding of applicant is not necessary in connection with its C.O.D. consignments.

The bonding provisions are set forth in Ordering Paragraphs 2 to 7, inclusive, of General Order No. 84-F. Corresponding provisions are set forth in various minimum rate tariffs of the Commission.

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The rules 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 shipper 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 shipper. 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 period of one year. In view of the imponding expiration date of the current authority, the order herein will be made effective August 15, 1968.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Carl A. March 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 Montgomery Ward & Co.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after August 15, 1968, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 72927 and shall expire with August 15, 1969, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

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This order shall become effective August 15, 1968. Dated at San Francisco, California, this _____ day of August, 1968.

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