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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application of ARCHIE L. FRICK, an individual doing business as DIRECT DISPATCH SERVICE, for authority to handle C.O.D. shipments for certain drugstores without providing and filing the bond required by General Order 84-F.

Application No. 50399 (Filed July 18, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a city carrier permit limited to operations within San Francisco. By this application, he seeks exemption from the provisions of General Order No. 84-F, 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 in connection with a few shipments which applicant will transport for drugstores.

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. Corresponding provisions are set forth in various minimum rate tariffs of the Commission.

The requirements governing the transportation of C.O.D. shipments were established primarily for the protection of shippers.

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Since the order herein will limit the authority to the handling of a few C.O.D. transactions involving shipments that are of low value and the order will require applicant to obtain a waiver of the bonding protection from the shipper or shippers involved if and when it becomes apparent that many C.O.D. transactions will be handled, the Commission finds that the sought exemption is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

Because the conditions under which the C.O.D. services in question are performed may change, the exemption will be limited to a one-year period.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Archie L. Frick 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 City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A in the handling of C.O.D. moneys on shipments for drugstores within San Francisco provided that a waiver of the bonding protection from the shipper or shippers involved will be obtained and filed with the Commission if and when it becomes apparent that many C.O.D. transactions will be handled.

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2. This authority shall expire one year after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>LL</u> day of September, 1968.