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Decision No. _____

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of Robert C. Stello, an individual,)
doing business as Sierra Freight)
Service, for exemption from C.O.D.)
bond provisions.)

Application No. 53395
(Filed June 13, 1972)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a radial highway common carrier permit. By this application he seeks an 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 only in connection with shipments transported for the shipper hereinafter designated. The application is accompanied by a letter from the shipper stating in effect that the bonding of applicant is not necessary in connection with its C.O.D. consignments.

The bonding provisions were established primarily for the protection of shippers. Since that protection has been voluntarily 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 one-year period.

IT IS ORDERED that Robert C. Stello, doing business as Sierra Freight Service, is hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for Colt Industries, Crucible Inc. Specialty Metals Division, without providing and filing the bond required by Ordering Paragraphs 2 to 7, inclusive, of General Order No. 84-F; that this authority shall expire one year after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission; and that in all other respects the rules set forth in General Order No. 84-F, shall govern the C.O.D. services involved in this proceeding.

This order shall become effective August 2, 1972.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of July, 1972.

President

Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.