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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of The Redding Package Delivery Co., for an order authorizing departure from rates, rules and regulations of Public Utility Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

Application No. 55860 (Filed August 13, 1975)

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$\underline{O P I N I O N}$

Applicant William T. Cooper, doing business as Redding Package Delivery Co., seeks an exemption from the minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 applicable to certain medical articles and business records transported in vehicles not exceeding a licensed weight of 4,000 pounds for distances not exceeding 200 miles from Redding.

The operations here in question are courier operations for which the applicable minimum rates are not appropriate.

This matter was duly noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 15, 1975. By letter dated August 25, 1975, California Trucking Association requested that this matter be set for public hearing inasmuch as the application included commodities and services not covered by usual courier operations.

Applicant requested, by letter dated September 25, 1975, that paragraphs 3 and 5 of the application be amended. The request restates paragraph 3 to include those services and commodities which clearly are within the scope of courier operations.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant intends to engage in a courier transportation service for which competing highway carriers have heretofore been exempted from the otherwise governing minimum rates, and applicant's request as modified by the letter of September 25, 1975, has been shown to be justified.

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The Commission concludes that Application No. 55860 should be granted to the extent provided in the following order. A public hearing is not necessary.

Since conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, the authority granted in the ensuing order will expire at the end of one year unless sooner canceled, modified, or extended by order of the Commission.

<u>order</u>

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. William T. Cooper, doing business as Redding Package Delivery Co. is authorized to depart from the minimum rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 by charging those rates set forth in Appendix A of this decision. This authority does not include any deviation from any rates, rules, or regulations except as specifically set forth in Appendix A.

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

The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at ______, California, this <u>2</u>. day of _____<u>NFCEMBER</u>___, 1975.

Commissioners

APPENDIX A

The rates, rules, and regulations named in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 applicable to the commodities named in paragraph A below, shall not apply when such commodities are transported in vehicles not exceeding a licensed weight of 4,000 pounds and such transportation is to points not exceeding 200 miles from Redding California.

A. Human specimens in plastic vials; whole blood and blood plasma for medical laboratory examination; individual units of human blood, glass slides, X-ray photographs, documents showing results of medical examinations, and containers furnished by medical laboratories; data processing material, checks, business records, legal documents, film, and drug supplies.