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Decision No. <u>86142</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investiga-)
tion for the purpose of consid-)
ering and determining minimum)
rates for transportation of any)
and all commodities statewide)
including, but not limited to)
those rates which are provided)
in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 and the)
revisions or reissues thereof.)

Case No. 5432
Petition for Modification
No. 902
(Filed June 14, 1976)

In the Matter of the Investiga-) tion for the purpose of consid-) ering and determining minimum rates for transportation of general commodities in the Counties of Contra Costa, Lake,) Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano) and Sonoma, and in the County of Alameda and in the City and County of San Francisco as provided in Minimum Rate Tariffs) 1-B and 19 respectively, and the revisions or reissues there-) of.

Case No. 5441
Petition for Modification
No. 362
(Filed June 14, 1976)

OPINION AND ORDER

By these petitions, Car-Del, Inc., a corporation, doing business as AABCO, Inc., seeks exemption from the minimum rates and rules named in Minimum Rate Tariffs 2, 1-B and 19 for the "courier type" transportation of various commodities.

The petitions are based on special circumstances and conditions detailed therein.

The petitions were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 15, 1976. No objection to the granting of the petitions has been received.

C. 5432 (Pet. 902) and C. 5441 (Pet. 362) - HK In the circumstances, the Commission finds that petitioner intends to engage in a courier transportation service for which competing highway carriers have heretofore been exempted from the otherwise governing minimum rates and petitioner's request for similar relief has been shown to be justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the petitions should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order. IT IS ORDERED that: Car-Del, Inc., a corporation, doing business as AABCO, Inc., is exempted from the otherwise governing provisions of Minimum Rate Tariffs 2, 1-B and 19 when engaged in the courier transportation of: (1) Human and animal specimens, contained in glass or plastic tubes or vials, of whole blood and blood serum for medical laboratory examination; individual units of whole blood; glass slides for microscopic tissue examination; urine and stool specimens; sputum, wound, and other similar cultures; tissue samples for pathological examination; X-ray photographs; medical transmittal documents, and documents reporting results of laboratory examination; specimen envelopes, laboratory test forms and transmittal containers furnished by medical laboratories to their clients; and (2) Checks, drafts, money orders, securities, transit items, sales audit items, business records, audit media, tabulation cards, data processing materials, legal documents, printed or reproduced documents or data, video tapes, films and printed news stories. -2Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard Ross, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Robert Batinovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.