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Decision No.86448

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) general commodities within San) Diego County as provided in) Minimum Rate Tariff 9-B and the) revisions or reissues thereof.)

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. 5439 Petition for Modification No. 286 (Filed August 12, 1976)

Case No. 5432 Petition for Modification No. 912 (Filed August 12, 1976)

OPINION AND ORDER

By these petitions, Burnet Maybank Hesse, doing business as The Hesse (HESCO) Courier Co., seeks exemption from the minimum rates and rules named in Minimum Rate Tariffs 2 and 9-B for the "courier type" transportation of certain business records and medical specimens.

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

The petitions were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 13, 1976. No objection to the granting of the petitions has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that petitioner intends to engage in a "courier type" 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 to the extent

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hereinafter indicated. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the petitions should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order and the effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this rate relief.

IT IS ORDERED that: Burnett Maybank Hesse is exempted from the otherwise governing provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 2 and 9-B when engaged in the "courier type" transportation of: (1) 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 and related items; and

(2) 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:

when transported in vehicles not exceeding a licensed weight of 4,500 pounds.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>R</u>^{ill} day of September, 1976.

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