Decision No. <u>90175</u> APR 10 1979

## ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application ) of Joseph W. Bone doing business ) as Contract Delivery Service, for ) exemption from the bonding provi- ) sions of General Order 84-G in ) handling of C.O.D. shipments. )

Application No. 58634 (Filed January 26, 1979)

## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a highway contract carrier permit and by this application he seeks an exemption from the provisions of the Commission's General Order No. 84-G 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 two-year period.

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IT IS ORDERED that Joseph Bone is hereby authorized to handle C.O.D. shipments for GEMCO Department Stores without providing and filing the bond required by Ordering Paragraphs 2 to 7, inclusive, of General Order No. 84-G; that this authority shall expire two years after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by further order of the Commission; and that in all other respects the rules set forth in General Order No. 84-G shall govern the C.O.D. services involved in this proceeding.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1074 day of APRIL , 1979.

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