

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 18926

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of Southern Pacific Company for)
permission to erect and maintain) Application No. 14061.
a bridge with impaired clearance.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 10th day of September, 1927, asking for authority to erect and maintain a bridge, with less side clearance than is prescribed in the Commission's General Order No. 26-C, over a Flood Control Channel constructed by Los Angeles County near Vinvale on its Santa Ana Branch.

The bridge involved consists of two 160-foot through truss spans and recently was removed from a point near Yuma, where it supported Southern Pacific tracks over the Colorado River. Said trusses have a side clearance of 7 feet 7½ inches from center line of track and complied with legal clearances when originally constructed. However, Item 4 of sub-division (a) of paragraph 2 of Commission's General Order No. 26-C, effective April 1st, 1927, prescribes a minimum side clearance of 8' 0" or 4½ inches more than the bridge clearance above mentioned, which would prohibit the construction of this bridge in a new location in this state unless special permission is granted.

Applicant's timetable of its Los Angeles Division shows but two local freight trains operated daily over this track in each direction, in addition to which there are undoubtedly some extra freight trains operated during a portion of the year to handle the sugar beet and fruit shipments.

It appears to the Commission that the present proceeding is not one in which a public hearing is necessary; that traffic over the line in question is comparatively light; and that, under the prevailing conditions, applicant should be permitted to again place this bridge in service, and that this application should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to erect a bridge, as hereinbefore described, with side clearances of 7 feet 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches from center line of track, across the Los Angeles County Flood Control Channel near Vinvale on its Santa Ana Branch, providing appropriate impaired clearance signs shall be established and maintained.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of October, 1927.

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Leon Whitell

Thos. R. Powell

M. J. Curran
Commissioners.