Decision No. 2268.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of Application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for a permit to operate upon spur track, where impaired clearance exists, at the plant of Herrick Iron Works in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California.

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Application No. 17707.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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The Southern Pacific Company has filed the above entitled application seeking authority to operate over a certain spur track serving Herrick Iron Works in Oakland, California, with an impaired clearance caused by a power pole of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Investigation by the Commission's Safety Division discloses that the power pole in question is located 191 feet from the switch points of this spur track and directly against outside of fence enclosing the property of Herrick Iron Works and has been so located for the last nine years. Service on this track cannot be performed beyond this power pole without permission of the Commission. This pole cannot be relocated on opposite side of track because the distance to curb line will not permit and the expense of placing wires underground is estimated at \$2,000.

The power pole is located 7'9" from center line of track, creating an impairment of 9" which, under the conditions, is not

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considered a serious hazard.

The file shows that Mr. Harry See, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, has advised by letter that he does not object to the granting of the application provided the applicant will install and maintain an impaired clearance sign, illuminated at night, at this location.

It appears to the Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to applicant, Southern Pacific Company, to operate over a certain spur track serving the Herrick Iron Works in the City of Oakland, California, and more definitely shown on blueprint map marked "Western Division Drawing 0.1263" attached to and made a part of the application, with an impaired side clearance of 7'9" from center line of said spur track, provided that the applicant will install and thereafter maintain an impaired clearance sign, said sign to be illuminated at night.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>30776</u> day of November, 1931.

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