



hour; that the trains consist of ten to fifteen cars equipped with standard equipment and air brake and can be stopped at any place on the line within a distance of one hundred feet; that the engines of applicant are equipped with first class United States Headlight Company headlights, the reflectors of which are nineteen inches in diameter and nine inches deep, using acetylene gas and that the light projecting from such headlights enables the locomotive engineer to observe clearly a dark object, the average size of a man on a dark, clear night for a distance of 350 to 400 feet, while the train is running at fifteen miles per hour.

That the operation of said road is fairly comparable to an extended switching service and does not reasonably require compliance with the provisions of Chapter 284, Statutes of California, Session of 1913.

Mr. W. J. Handford, Service Expert for the Railroad Commission of California, testified that in his opinion an exception in the case of applicant could reasonably be made; that he regarded applicant's present equipment as sufficient for the operation of applicant's road and that in his judgment applicant should not be required to comply with the provisions of Chapter 284, Statutes of California, Session of 1913, for the reason above stated, and for the further reason that the operation of the road is entirely in daylight except in rare instances and that the service might be regarded as an extended switching service.

Mr. John Finley, Chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was present at the hearing and assured the Commission that the petition of applicant to be relieved from the operation of Chapter 284, above referred to, was a reasonable one and should be granted.

I find, therefore, that the operation of applicant, Santa Maria Valley Railroad Company, is such as to justify the Commission in relieving applicant from complying with the provisions of Chapter 284, Session of 1913, and submit the following Order:

O R D E R.

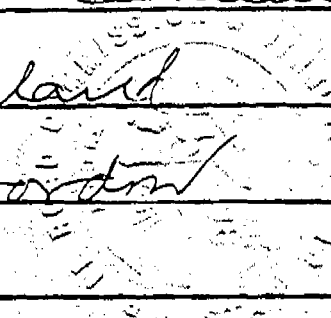
WHEREAS the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, operating a railroad from Guadalupe, in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, to Roadamite, in said County, with a branch line to Betteravia, also in said County, has applied to this Commission to be relieved from the necessity of equipping its locomotives with headlights as provided in Chapter 284, Statutes of California, Session of 1913, entitled "An Act Regulating Headlights on all Locomotives and Providing a Penalty for Violation of the Provisions of this Act",

AND WHEREAS the testimony as set forth in the Opinion preceding this Order shows that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Santa Maria Valley Railroad Company, be and it is hereby relieved from the operation of Chapter 284, Statutes of California, Session of 1913, with permission to continue its operation with its present equipment.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of September, 1914.

  
John M. Eubank  
Arthur D. Howard  
Alex G. Gordon  
Commissioners.