

Decision No. 28211

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for a permit
to operate a certain railroad track
at impaired clearances through building
of Southwest Welding & Manufacturing
Company at Alhambra, Los Angeles County,
California.

Application No. 20099

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, has filed with the Commission the above numbered application, requesting permission and authority to operate over a spur track serving the Southwest Welding and Manufacturing Company at Alhambra, California, with vertical clearances of less than twenty-two (22) feet as provided in the Commission's General Order No. 26-C.

As justification for the granting of the application, it is alleged:

FIRST: That the Southwest Welding and Manufacturing Company is maintaining a manufacturing plant at Alhambra, Los Angeles County, California, in which plant are maintained and operated overhead traveling cranes.

SECOND: Recently the plant of said Southwest Welding and Manufacturing Company was enlarged and certain buildings and crane runways were extended on the same levels or horizontal planes as existed before the enlargement.

THIRD: An industrial track has been constructed through one of said buildings and beneath certain crane runways. The track, however, was not constructed at vertical clearances in conformity

with vertical clearances prescribed by General Order No. 26-C of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

FOURTH: It was not practicable to depress the floor or to raise the elevation of the crane runways at the time of the construction of said track; further, the Southwest Welding and Manufacturing Company contemplates that only flat cars and gondola cars will be moved over said track.

The spur track serving this industry is on a grade of two (2) per cent; therefore it is impractical to lower said spur track and since only flat and gondola cars will be operated over this track, the proposed vertical clearance is sufficient to provide safety to trainmen.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted Southern Pacific Company, applicant herein, to operate over spur track serving Southwest Welding and Manufacturing Company at Alhambra, California, and more definitely shown on blueprint map marked L. A. Division Drawing B-1348, attached to and made a part of application, with vertical clearances above top of rails to overhead wall I beams of twenty and eighty-five one hundredths (20.85) feet and overhead crane runway of eighteen and seventy-five one hundredths (18.75) feet; provided, that proper overhead and side clearances as required by the Commission's General Order No. 26-C will be provided at all other locations along the said spur track, and provided further that Southern Pacific Company, applicant herein, shall install and maintain a sign located at the entrance to the main building of this industry reading "Only flat and gondola cars may be operated beyond this point."

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

DATED at San Francisco, California, this 3rd
day of September, 1935.

Leon A. Williams

W. A. Carr

Thomas P. H. Williams

Commissioners.