Decision No. 28764.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to maintain impaired clearence at the plant of the Union Ice Company at Claremont, California.

Application No. 20411.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, has filed with the Commission the above numbered application for authority to operate tracks serving the icing docks of Union Ice Company at Claremont, California, with a side clearance of 7' 8" from center line of track to nearest edge of said icing docks.

As justification for the granting of this application
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, applicant herein, alleges:

"That applicant desires to serve this icing dock with a clearance of seven feet and eight inches, instead of the standard clearance of eight feet six inches prescribed by the Railroad Commission's General Order No. 26-C, for the following reasons:

That it is very essential that such clearance be kept at a minimum consistent with reasonable safety to trainmen on account of the personal injury hazard to applicant's employes handling ice from such dock to the bunkers of the cars.

That the standard clearance of eight feet six inches would increase the loss of ice in the handling thereof from the said dock to the cars on account of the increased distance between said dock and the cars. This increases the operating cost which ultimately increases the cost to the shipper."

The matter of proper clearances for icing docks has had

the attention of the Commission and in formal action taken in Decision No. 19458 on Application No. 14011, the order in said decision provided a minimum side clearance of seven feet, eight inches from center line of track to sides of icing docks.

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 authority be and it is hereby granted to applicant, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, to operate tracks serving the icing docks of the Union Ice Company at Claremont, Los Angeles County, California, and more definitely shown on blue print drawing attached to and made a part of the application, with a side clearance from center line of track to nearest edge of icing docks of seven feet, eight inches.

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

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Commissioners.