

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 29912.

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 permission
to operate freight cars of the over-all
height of 15 feet 6 inches over certain
designated route in the State of Cali-
fornia.

Application No. 21299.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, on June 25, 1937, filed an application asking for authority to operate freight cars having a height of fifteen (15) feet, six (6) inches from top of rail to top of running board, in both directions, upon and along the following route in the State of California:

"Entering California on the main line of applicant's railway from Topock, Arizona, crossing the Topock bridge; thence to Needles, California; thence to Los Angeles, California, via Barstow, San Bernardino, and Fullerton. At Los Angeles said freight cars will be transferred to the Los Angeles Junction Railway for delivery to the consignee in the Central Manufacturing District, Los Angeles."

Applicant alleges that a freight car of special design with a height of 15 feet 6 inches is necessary for the service between Chicago and Los Angeles for the handling economically of automobile bodies for delivery to assembly plant at Los Angeles. Applicant further alleges that these cars will not be handled over any other route than that above described, and that when the cars become empty they will immediately be returned to point of origin.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, on June 25, 1937, advised, in writing, that it would not oppose the granting of this application.

It appears that these freight cars of excess height can be operated with reasonable safety over the route above described; 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 The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is authorized to operate the type of freight car described in the application, of a height from top of rail to top of running board of not to exceed fifteen (15) feet, six (6) inches, over the route hereinbefore described, and not otherwise, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall, whenever said cars are in transit in California, advise train crews or other employees affected of the movement of said cars by 19 Train Order.
- (2) Applicant shall install telltales on each side of each structure through which said cars operate, having an overhead clearance less than twenty-two (22) feet.
- (3) Applicant shall stencil on all four corners of each such car at the ladder or grab rail, the following:

THIS CAR EXCESS HEIGHT
Height above rail 15 feet 6 inches

so that trainmen or other employees, when riding said cars for switching operations, will be warned of the excess height.

- (4) For all other purposes the provisions of General Order No. 26-C shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of June, 1937.

Malcolm H. Brown
Leon G. Whitwell
James R. Hill
Robert W. Johnson
Ray L. Riley
Commissioners