

Decision No. 38108

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| Application of Southern Pacific Company to use ) |             |
| its tracks on Alameda Street between College )   |             |
| Street and East Fifteenth Street, Los Angeles, ) | Application |
| California, for operations other than indus- )   | No. 26634   |
| trial freight-switching service. )               |             |

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company filed the above-numbered application on March 30, 1945, and an amendment thereto was filed on July 3, 1945, asking for permission to deviate from the provisions of condition (3) of Decision No. 18593, dated July 8, 1927, (30 CRC 162) in order that it might more expeditiously handle freight operation along its tracks in Alameda Street, in the City of Los Angeles. The Commission, by its order in Decision No. 18593 among other things provided:

- (3) Upon and after the construction of said Union Passenger Station the operation by defendant Southern Pacific Company of passenger and freight train service, excepting only industrial freight-switching service during hours hereinafter to be prescribed by proper authority, over that portion of its railroad between Collogo Street and East Fifteenth Street, inclusive, in the City of Los Angeles, shall be abandoned and discontinued.

Applicant alleges that because of conditions brought about by the present war and the heavy increase in the volume of the freight and other traffic handled by it, the trackage used in and about Los Angeles has become seriously congested and it now becomes necessary for it, in order to handle such traffic, to use its trackage on Alameda Street for other purposes than industrial freight switching.

It appears that those interested are in agreement with respect to the use of the tracks on said Alameda Street, subject to certain conditions as hereinafter set forth.

It appears that under our present war conditions the relief sought should be granted and it will be so ordered.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is authorized to deviate from the provisions of condition (3) of the order in Decision No. 18593 (30 CRC 162) as follows:

- (1) Applicant may move cuts or strings of cars, either loaded or empty (not including through or local trains), from or to points and localities outside of the district on Alameda Street between Collogo and East Fifteenth Streets, to or from points and localities within said district, and may move such cuts or strings of cars via said Alameda Street trackage from and to and between points or localities outside said district, provided:
  - a. Not more than forty (40) cars shall be handled in any one such cut or string.
  - b. All such movements must be carried on and completed during the hours between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except that not more than four such movements may be operated between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- (2) Industrial service to and from industries in the district between Collogo Street and Fifteenth Street shall be limited to the hours proscribed by applicable city ordinances, and such other hours as may be agreed upon between applicant and the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles.
- (3) When especially urgent movements, particularly movements for the Government of the United States, are involved, said Board of Public Utilities and Transportation may grant special permission upon request.
- (4) No cut in excess of five cars shall be operated along Alameda Street unless air is connected and operative throughout the entire length of the cut.
- (5) Except when shunting cars incident to switching operations, cars shall not be pushed ahead of locomotive.
- (6) The signal controlling street traffic at the main entrance to the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal opposite Sunset Boulevard shall immediately be synchronized with train movements. When said synchronization is completed applicant shall notify this Commission.

The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void one year from the effective date of this order, unless further time is granted by subsequent order or orders.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the

date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of July, 1945.

Harold Ruden  
Justin J. Caenen

Edward Dorn  
Grant Luce  
Commissioners