

Decision No. 39088

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's
own motion into the operations of
railroad corporations to determine
the sufficiency of manpower avail-
able for the efficient and safe
operation of their facilities.

Case No. 4676

FOURTH INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

By its supplemental application in this proceeding the Southern Pacific Company requests temporary authority until July 1, 1946, to deviate from the provisions of

Section 6902 of the Labor Code on its Los Angeles Division, in the territory extending from Colton to the California-Arizona State line.

It is alleged that an emergency exists in the movement of canteloupes from the Imperial and Coachella valleys to points east thereof. It is represented that the normal movement of these perishables is approximately 350 carloads per day but, because of a blight affecting the vines, the movement will approximate 650 carloads per day. It is further represented that sufficient brakemen are not available in this territory and that if the entire canteloupe crop is to be saved, deviation from the California Full Crew law will be necessary.

In view of the emergency existing and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Southern Pacific Company be and it is hereby authorized to deviate from the provisions

of Subdivisions (e), (f) and (g) of Section 6902 of the Labor Code, subject to the following conditions:

1. The deviations herein authorized shall apply only when the requisite number of brakemen is unavailable;
2. The authority herein granted shall apply only on the Los Angeles Division in the territory Colton and east thereof to the California-Arizona line, and shall expire on July 1, 1946.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of June, 1946.

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COMMISSIONERS.