

Decision No. 41960

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the application of)
THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY)
for temporary authority to operate over)
tracks in the vicinity of 17th Avenue,)
Oakland, California, with impaired)
clearances.)

Application No. 29611

O R D E R

The Western Pacific Railroad Company on August 16, 1948, applied for authority to conduct operations adjacent to impaired overhead clearances of 18 feet to be created by forms for concrete work necessary in the construction of the overhead crossing for applicant's main line Crossing No. 4-8.45-A, in the vicinity of 17th Avenue, Oakland, California, authorized by the Commission in its Decision No. 40511 dated July 8, 1947. The applicant states that it is anticipated the said impaired overhead clearances will exist only during the period from August 18, 1948 to September 22, 1948.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein; that the temporary impairments are reasonable and necessary during the erection of the grade separation structure; and that the application should be granted, subject to certain conditions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Western Pacific Railroad Company is authorized to operate engines, cars, and trains adjacent to temporary overhead clearances of 18 feet from top of rail to the under side of the said structure for the period necessary to construct the grade separation structure Crossing No. 4-8.45-A in the vicinity of 17th Avenue, Oakland, California, subject to the following conditions:

1. Warning signs, visible at all times, shall be maintained in advance of the structure in the direction of approach, calling attention to the existence of the impaired overhead clearances herein authorized.

2. Operating bulletins calling the attention of all concerned to the existence of impaired overhead clearances at the said location and prohibiting trainmen from riding on tops of cars while operating adjacent thereto, shall be issued and filed with the Commission.
3. Train orders shall be issued to train crews affected by the impaired overhead clearances herein authorized, advising them of the existence thereof.
4. The Commission shall be advised in writing of the date on which the overhead impairments herein authorized have been eliminated.

This authorization shall become void if its conditions are not complied with, or if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

This order shall be effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of August, 1948.

R. F. Friedman
Justice F. Casner
Frank H. Russell
Harold K. Hills
Samuel D. Potter
Commissioners.