

Decision No. 51375

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY,)
 a corporation, for permission to operate)
 freight cars of an overall height of six-)
 teen (16) feet, eight (8) inches over)
 certain designated routes in the State)
of California.

Application No. 36660

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Southern Pacific Company on April 1, 1955 requested that Condition No. 2 of the order in Decision No. 51251, dated March 29, 1955, in the above application, be modified to permit it to operate freight cars of an over-all height of 16 feet, 6 inches above top of rail at the Santa Ana River Bridge, M.P. 539.83, near Colton, without the necessity of increasing overhead clearances from the present existing minimum of 22 feet 6 inches to 23 feet 8 inches or over as required by the said condition. Applicant states, and a study by representatives of the Commission's staff verifies, that to provide 23 feet 8 inches overhead clearances at this location would require almost the complete reconstruction of this river bridge. The interested parties agree that this would be impracticable and economically unfeasible. Suitable operating conditions are contained in the order in Decision No. 51251 for the protection of the affected railroad employees at all overhead structures having a clearance of less than 23 feet 6 inches above top of rail.

It appears that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the request is reasonable and should be granted, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Decision No. 51251, dated March 29, 1955, is amended to delete that portion of Condition No. 2 requiring that on or before December 1, 1955 overhead clearances at Santa Ana River Bridge, M.P. 539.83, near Colton, be increased to not less than 23 feet 8 inches above top of rail to its lowest point.

In all other respects Decision No. 51251 shall remain in force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of April, 1955.

W. E. Mitchell
 President
Justice J. Calmes
Ray E. Lutz
William J. Dooley

Commissioners