

Decision No. 51828

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Application No. 36660

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on June 29, 1955, requested an extension of the authority heretofore granted by Decision No. 51251, dated March 29, 1955, to include the movement of freight cars having an over-all height of 16 feet 8 inches from top of rail to top of running board over the route as described in its application, from Puente to South Gate, California. The sought authority is desired for the purpose of moving automobile bodies to the General Motors Corporation assembly plant at South Gate.

Under the provisions of General Order 26-D an overhead clearance of not less than 23 feet 8 inches is required in the operation of such excess height freight cars. Understandings have been reached by representatives of the applicant, the railroad operating brotherhoods, and the Commission's Operations-Safety and Engineering Sections as to appropriate conditions for the movement of the excess height freight cars at those locations on the extended route where such overhead clearances cannot be feasibly achieved. Also, additional appropriate operating conditions are contained in Decision No. 51251 for the general movement of such excess height freight cars.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted subject to certain conditions,

IT IS ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is exempted from the provisions of Subsection 2.5 of the Commission's General Order 26-D in the operation of freight cars having a height of 16 feet 8 inches from top of rail to top of running board, for the sole purpose of transporting automobile bodies, subject to the following conditions:

1. The authorization for the movement of the excess height freight cars shall apply only over the following route in the State of California: From the state line near Yuma, Arizona, to Puente, via Glamis and Colton on the route heretofore authorized by Decision No. 51251, dated March 29, 1955, and from Puente, via By-Pass Line, to Studebaker, Santa Ana Branch to Firestone Park and then San Pedro Branch to the General Motors Corporation assembly plant at South Gate, and the cars shall be returned empty over the same route.

2. On or before May 15, 1956, overhead clearances shall be increased to not less than 23 feet 8 inches above top of rail to the lowest point of each of the following structures:

<u>Mile Post and Location (near)</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Present Height Above Rail</u>
11.10 U.P.	Beverly Blvd. Overpass	22'9-1/8"
BKA-502.38 Los Nietos	Washington Blvd. Overpass	23'2-1/2"
BKA-498.49 Studebaker	Freeway Overpass	23'6-1/4"
BKA-497.73 "	Firestone Blvd. Overpass	23'7"

3. On or before September 15, 1955, the telephone wires located at Mile Post No. BK-497.4 shall be raised to provide an overhead clearance of not less than 25 feet 0 inches above top of rail.

4. On or before October 15, 1955, applicant shall install and continuously maintain adequate telltales on each side of the following structures:

<u>Mile Post and Location (near)</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Present Height Above Rail</u>
15.72 U.P.	Truss Bridge	21'4-1/4"
15.39 U.P.	" "	21'4"
15.05 U.P.	" "	21'4-1/2"
BK-492.64 Vinvale	L.A. River Truss Bridge	22'0-3/4"

The lowest point of the screens on such telltales shall be not less than 23 feet 8 inches above top of the rail and the length of the rope strings on such telltales shall conform to the overhead clearance of the structure involved.

5. Operating conditions as contained in the order in Decision No. 51251, dated March 29, 1955, shall be in effect in connection with the movement of the excess height cars over the additional route herein authorized.

6. No new overhead construction on the route herein authorized shall be less than 23 feet 8 inches above top of the rail.

The effective date of the order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of August, 1955.

John E. Mitchell
President
Matthew J. Greene
Charles J. [unclear]
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Commissioners