

ORIGINALDecision No. 56931

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE)
 RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, and)
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, a corpora-)
 tion for an order authorizing the)
 operation of railway flat cars with)
 special equipment of excess height)
 over certain designated routes)
 within the State of California)
 pursuant to General Order No. 26-D.)

Application No. 40218

O P I N I O N

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company, corporations, in their application filed June 30, 1958 request authority to operate over a certain designated route in the State of California specially equipped flat cars with an over-all height of 15'9" from the top of rail to the top of a permanent bulkhead installed at the end of each flat car. Such authority is sought for the purpose of transporting automobile frames for Buick and other automobile manufacturers from areas outside the State of California to assembly plants in California.

The interested parties are in agreement that the handling of these flat cars will be a safe operation and will not create exposure to injury on the part of employees handling said cars under the conditions set forth in the following order.

Applicants have been advised that the current economic conditions of automobile production necessitate an early commencement of the assembly of 1959 model automobiles and that in order to maintain production and assembly forces in operation it is necessary that said shipments of automobile frames be commenced as soon as it is consistently possible. Therefore, the effective date of this order will be on the date thereof.

It appears that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted subject to the conditions contained in the following order.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company, for the purpose of transporting automobile frames, are exempted from the provisions of Subsections 2.3 and 2.5 of the Commission's General Order No. 26-D in the operation of flat cars having an over-all height of 15'9" from top of rail to the top of a permanent bulkhead installed at the end of each flat car, subject to the following conditions:


1. Entering California on The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's main line of railway at the state line near Needles the said excess height flat cars shall be transported to Hobart Yard, Los Angeles, via Barstow, San Bernardino and Fullerton. At Hobart Yard the excess height flat cars shall be transferred from Applicant, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, to Applicant, Southern Pacific Company, for movement to the Buick assembly plant at South Gate, California. When the said cars are made empty by the consignee they shall be returned to the state line near Needles, following the same route eastbound as they followed westbound.

2. The movement of the said excess height flat cars under load on westbound movements in California shall be made under the provisions of Section 7 of General Order No. 26-D, and said cars shall be operated on the return empty eastward movement under the provisions of Subsection 7.8 of the said General Order.

3. The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to overhead clearances and the operation of said cars as it may deem right and proper, and to revoke its permission if in its judgment public convenience, necessity or safety demand such action.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of July, 1958.


 President
