

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 66204

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 The Western Pacific Railroad Company)
 for authority to deviate from the)
 provisions of General Order 26-D)
 requiring certain training of excess)
 dimension cars.)

Application No. 45752

ORDER

The Western Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, on September 10, 1963, filed the above application with the Commission seeking authority to handle excess dimension loads between Oroville Yard and the station of Zephyr, in the County of Butte, California, trained immediately behind the locomotive rather than at least five (5) cars from the locomotive as required by Section 7.4 of General Order No. 26-D. The applicant alleges that said authority is needed to permit it to operate properly in serving the Oro Dam Contractors engaged in building the Oroville or Feather River Dam and that authority therefor is sought for duration of the Oroville project and until Western Pacific's discontinuance of service to Zephyr. Applicant further alleges that it is impossible to predict accurately the number of times it will be moving excess dimension loads between those points. Details of the proposed operation are reflected on the print attached to the application marked Exhibit "A" and indicate that Zephyr is located on the east end of a spur track off the main line of Western Pacific just east of the Oroville passenger depot and less than one (1) mile east of the main line switch.

The interested parties, including the operating rail brotherhoods, take no exception to the applicant's request. A staff investigation of the proposal discloses that the request is reasonable.

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

IT IS ORDERED that the Western Pacific Railroad Company is authorized to operate between the Oroville Yard and Zephyr with excess dimension loads trained immediately behind locomotives for the duration of the Oroville Dam project and until Western Pacific's discontinuance of service to Zephyr provided, however, that in all other respects the provisions of General Order No. 26-D, pertaining to the handling of excess dimension loads, shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of OCTOBER, 1963.

 President

W. H. ...

George G. Grover

Frederick B. Hallock

 Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.