

ORIGINALDecision No. 66725

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern Pacific Company,)
 a corporation, requesting certain amend-) Application No. 45873
 ments to General Order No. 26-D.)

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on October 16, 1963, filed the above application with the Commission requesting that General Order No. 26-D be amended to permit the operation of automobile underframe cars at any location in a train.

By Decision No. 58439, dated May 19, 1959, in Case No. 4919, the Commission amended Subsection 7.8 of the general order authorizing the movement of freight cars transporting highway trucks or trailers, either loaded or unloaded, in any location in a train. By Decision No. 63722, dated May 22, 1962, in Application No. 44298, the Commission further amended Subsection 7.8 of the general order to authorize the movement of multi-level automobile freight cars, either loaded or unloaded, at any location in a train.

Investigation by the staff confirms that certain automobile underframe freight cars should likewise be permitted to be operated at any location in a train. The interested parties, including the operating rail brotherhoods, have no objections to the granting of the above application for such operation.

In the circumstances, it appears and the Commission finds that Subsection 7.8 of General Order No. 26-D should be amended as hereinafter provided. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that Subsection 7.8 of Section 7 of General Order No. 26-D be amended to read as follows:

"7.8 - Cars on which the lading exceeds 15'6" in height above top of rail if otherwise in compliance with these requirements as to width of lading and the nature of which precludes the probability of employees getting on top of or passing over them are exempt from the conditions of this section, provided, however, that if train length permits, any such cars except cars transporting highway trucks or trailers, multi-level freight cars either loaded or unloaded, and automobile underframe cars, shall be trained at least five cars distant from both the caboose and the engine. For the purposes of this section, automobile underframe cars are either special flat cars upon which automobile underframes are stacked and firmly secured in a horizontal position or gondola cars in which such underframes are placed on end and firmly secured to said gondola cars."

The Secretary shall serve a copy of this order on each railroad corporation subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of JANUARY, 1964.

William A. Dwyer
 (President)
George T. Hoover
Fredrick B. Hallock
 Commissioners