

ORIGINALDecision No. 67182

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Union Pacific Railroad
 Company, a corporation, for permission to
 operate freight cars of an overall height
 of seventeen (17) feet no (0) inches over
 its main line in the State of California.

Application No. 46268

ORDER

The Union Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, on March 9, 1964, filed the above application with the Commission seeking authority to operate freight cars known as high-cube cars of a maximum height of 17'0" from top of rail to top of running board over certain designated routes within the State of California.

All interested parties, including the railroad operating brotherhoods, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, and the applicant agree that the application should be granted subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth.

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 Union Pacific Railroad Company is exempted from the provisions of Subsection 2.5 of the Commission's General Order No. 26-D in the operation of freight cars known as high-cube cars having a height of 17'0" from top of rail to top of running board, subject to the following conditions:

1. The authorization of the movement of the excess height freight cars shall apply from the California - Nevada State Line to San Bernardino, California, via Daggett, California, and Barstow, California.

2. That portion of the request made by applicant Union Pacific Railroad Company for authority to operate said cars over the route from Riverside, California, to Los Angeles, California, is denied without prejudice.

3. If train length permits, such cars shall be trained at least five cars distant from the caboose.

4. The crew of each train containing freight cars herein authorized to be operated shall be informed by an appropriate train order that the consist of the train includes freight cars of such excess height and that members of the train crew are forbidden to ride on top of any such cars.

5. Any yard crew required to handle freight cars herein authorized to be operated shall be notified by its supervising officials of the presence of such cars in said yard.

6. Appropriate instructions shall be issued to all road and yard crews forbidding them to ride on the tops of the cars herein authorized to be operated.

7. Each end of the freight cars herein authorized, for their entire width, shall be painted with aluminum paint from a height of 15'0" above top of rail to the top of the car and shall be stencilled in 3" letters at the upper edge thereof with a sign reading, "Excess Height Car".

8. By accepting this order and exercising the authority granted, applicant agrees that it will pay the State of California, including the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, or any city, county, or city and county the expense required to be incurred for any purpose by said State of California, including the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, city, county, or city and county, to accommodate the use and operation, until November 25, 1964, of 17'0" high freight cars as herein authorized.

9. This authority shall expire November 25, 1964.

The applicant has a number of the so-called high-cube cars awaiting movement.

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

Dated at San Francisco California, this 6th day of May, 1964.

William W. Bennett
President

Walter B. Page

George J. Hoover

Frederick B. Holshoff
Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.