

ORIGINALDecision No. 68264

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation on the)
 Commission's own motion into the reason-)
 ableness of minimum clearances on railroads)
 and street railroads, with reference to)
 side structures, overhead structures,) Case No. 4919
 parallel tracks, and crossings of public)
 roads, highways and streets, as prescribed)
 by General Order 26-C and Supplement 7)
 thereto.)

ORDER

Subsection 2.5 of General Order No. 26-D, effective
 February 1, 1948, provides:

"2.5 If freight cars of a height greater than fifteen
 (15) feet six (6) inches are transported or
 proposed to be transported, minimum overhead
 clearances shall be increased by an amount not
 less than such additional height."

By order dated October 22, 1964, in Application No. 34398,
 the Interstate Commerce Commission modified Part 131, (U.S. Safety
 Appliance Standards) of Subchapter A, Chapter 1, Title 49, of the
 Code of Federal Regulations, by providing that box and other house
 cars with roofs 16'10" or more above top of rail may be constructed
 and used with top running boards removed and with ladders and hand
 brakes lowered.

Investigation by the staff confirms that such modified
 freight cars should be exempted from the overhead clearance
 requirements of Subsection 2.5 of General Order No. 26-D. The
 interested parties, including the operating rail brotherhoods,
 concur that such exemption will not adversely affect safety and
 that said subsection should be amended accordingly.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein,

IT IS ORDERED that Subsection 2.5 of Section 2, of General Order No. 26-D is amended to read as follows:

"2.5 If freight cars of a height greater than fifteen (15) feet six (6) inches are transported or proposed to be transported, minimum overhead clearances shall be increased by an amount of not less than such additional height provided that box or other house cars sixteen (16) feet ten (10) inches or more in height are exempted from this subsection when the top running boards have been removed, ladders and hand brakes lowered, cars painted, stenciled, and otherwise modified in compliance with the provisions of Section 131.24 of Part 131, U.S. Safety Appliance Standards (railroad), and provided that if train length permits any such cars shall be trained at least five (5) cars distant from both the caboose and the engine."

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 days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of NOVEMBER, 1964.

Frederic B. Holbrook President
George T. Crover
St. Lawrence Beaudet Commissioners