

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 71908

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN,

Complainant,

vs.

C. 8334

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY,  
a corporation,

Defendant.

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Investigation on the Commission's  
own motion into the operating rules  
and practices of SOUTHERN PACIFIC  
COMPANY, a corporation.

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C. 8370

ORDER

Complainant filed its complaint on January 17, 1966, alleging that the defendant was operating its trains in an unsafe manner on its branch lines on the San Joaquin Division, and more specifically, the Coalinga Branch. Defendant filed its answer on February 4, 1966, denying the alleged unsafe operations. Several informal complaints also were made against the operations. On March 22, 1966, the Commission instituted an investigation on its own motion into Southern Pacific Company's operations on all of its branch lines in California.

The Commission's Operations and Safety Section of the Transportation Division has studied the branch line operations of the carrier in California and has prepared proposed requirements. These are based on a review of the operations conducted prior to the filing of the formal complaint and after the institution of the Commission's investigation, the changes made subsequently by the carrier on its own initiative, and on the Commission's staff findings. The proposed requirements were the subject of several conferences held by the staff, representatives of the carrier, and the interested operating brotherhoods.

The interested parties have advised that the proposed requirements are satisfactory and make no request for public hearing. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has indicated that the proposals satisfy its complaint and that it may be dismissed.

In the circumstances the Commission finds that the public convenience, necessity, and safety require that the following requirements governing operations on the branch lines of Southern Pacific Company in the State of California be adopted. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company shall hereafter observe the following requirements governing railroad operations on its branch lines in the State of California:

Wherever the term "use of train register" appears in this order it shall require that in addition to other required information the destination of a trip (turning point) and the date and time of departure shall be entered in a designated column of a train register. When the round trip has been completed, the date and time of return must also be entered in a designated column of the same register. Movements en route into this territory must not leave the registering station until it has been ascertained from the train register entries that all preceding movements have completed their round trip and registered the date and time of return thereby leaving the route to be used free of all train or engine movements.

Wherever the term "programmed" appears in this order it shall require that supervision shall be maintained to provide train and engine crews with the necessary information to prevent conflicts with other movements.

Wherever "Rule 93" is mentioned in this order it shall be construed as referring to Southern Pacific Company's Operating Department Rule 93 in effect on the effective date of this order and filed with this Commission in compliance with General Order No. 108.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION - COLTON SUBDIVISION

1. Callexico Branch. Niland to Callexico - 41 miles. Movements shall be governed by centralized traffic control signal indications between Niland and Calipatria, in accordance with Rule 93 from Calipatria to Heber supplemented by automatic block signal protection between Calipatria and El Centro, and shall be restricted to one movement at a time between Heber and Callexico by the use of a train register located at El Centro.
2. Westmorland Branch. Calipatria to Westmorland - 12.6 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Calipatria.
3. Sandia Branch. El Centro to End of Branch - 24.1 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 between El Centro and Holtville (10.2 miles) and shall be restricted to one movement at a time between the switching limits at Holtville and the end of the branch (13.9 miles) by the use of a train register located at Holtville.
4. Redlands Branch. Bryn Mawr to Crafton - 6.9 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Colton.
5. Riverside Branch. Colton to Corona - 21.5 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time between Colton Yard switching limits and Riverside Junction (7 miles) by the use of a train register located at Colton. Movements beyond Riverside Junction shall be governed by centralized traffic control signal indications.
6. Chino Branch. Pomona to Chino - 5.7 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time from Pomona switching limits to the end of the branch by the use of a train register located at Pomona.
7. San Bernardino Branch. East Portion Colton to San Bernardino - 2.9 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
8. San Bernardino Branch. West Portion State Street to Rialto - 50.7 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time between Orange Avenue Junction and Rialto (where line is severed) and between Baldwin Park and State Street by the use of train registers located at Orange Avenue Junction and Baldwin Park respectively. Movements between Orange Avenue Junction and Baldwin Park (.4 miles) shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
9. Azusa Branch. Orange Avenue Junction to Azusa - 5.4 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Orange Avenue Junction.
10. Bassett Branch. Baldwin Park to Bassett - 3.6 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION - TERMINAL SUBDIVISION

11. Yorba Linda Branch. Slauson Junction to Yorba Linda - 26.3 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 between Slauson Junction and Fullerton Junction (18.6 miles). Through movements between Slauson Junction and Los Nietos shall be controlled by the use of illuminated indicators and flashing lights located at Slauson Junction and Los Nietos. Appropriate instructions shall be issued to switcher crews to yield to through hauler movements promptly. Movements between Fullerton Junction and the end of the branch (7.7 miles) shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Fullerton Junction.
12. Whittier Branch. Santa Fe Springs to Whittier - 2.1 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
13. Fullerton Branch. Fullerton Junction to Fullerton - 6.8 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
14. Puente Branch. City of Industry to Studebaker - 15.5 miles. Movements shall be governed by centralized traffic control and interlocking signal indications.
15. Santa Ana Branch. Firestone Park to Costa Mesa - 32.6 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93. Appropriate instructions shall be issued to switcher crews to yield to through hauler movements promptly. Opposing hauler movements shall be programmed to prevent conflicts.
16. Stanton Branch. West Anaheim to Huntington Beach - 15.1 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 between West Anaheim and Stanton (4.6 miles) and shall be restricted to one at a time between Stanton and Huntington Beach (10.5 miles) by the use of a train register located at Stanton.
17. Justin Branch. South Anaheim to Justin - 10.5 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 between South Anaheim and Marlboro and shall be restricted to one at a time between Marlboro and Justin by the use of a train register located at Marlboro.
18. West Santa Ana Branch. Watts to West Santa Ana - 24.3 miles. Movements between Stanton and the end of the branch (7.1 miles) shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Stanton. Movements between Stanton and Watts shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 and further provided that between Stanton and Watts movements shall be assigned by bulletin to prevent more than one operating at a time.
19. Los Alamitos Branch. Los Alamitos Junction to Los Alamitos - 4.3 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Stanton.

20. San Pedro Branch. Firestone Park to Wilmington - 12.3 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93. Appropriate instructions shall be issued to switcher crews to yield to through hauler movements promptly.
21. Long Beach Branch. Wilmington to Long Beach - 2.1 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
22. Wilmington Branch. Butte Street to Watson - 14.9 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93, except that movements between 103rd Street and Dolores shall be controlled by illuminated indicators and flashing lights restricting this area to one movement at a time.
23. East Long Beach Branch. Dominguez to East Long Beach - 6.9 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Dominguez.
24. El Segundo Branch. Watts to El Segundo - 11 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93. Movements between South Los Angeles and El Segundo shall be programmed to avoid conflicts.
25. Torrance Branch. South Los Angeles to Harbor City - 12.1 miles. Movements between South Los Angeles and Dolanco shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at South Los Angeles and by special instructions to crews assigned at Torrance that they shall operate only between Harbor City and Dolanco.
26. Santa Monica Branch. Butte Street to Santa Monica - 14.6 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 between Butte Street and Culver Junction (8.8 miles). Movements between Culver Junction and Santa Monica shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Culver Junction.
27. Hollywood Branch. Talamantes to Hollywood - 8.1 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Culver Junction.
28. Alla Branch. Culver Junction to Inglewood - 8.8 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Culver Junction.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION - SANTA BARBARA SUBDIVISION

29. Burbank Branch. Burbank to Chatsworth - 21.3 miles. Movements shall be programmed to avoid conflicts.
30. Santa Paula Branch. Saucos to Montalvo - 45.5 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders.
31. Ojai Branch. Ventura Junction to Ojai - 15 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Ventura Junction.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION - SANTA BARBARA SUBDIVISION (Continued)

32. Lompoc and White Hills Branches. Surf to White Hills - 14 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 and shall be programmed to avoid conflicts.

SAN JOAQUIN DIVISION - MOJAVE SUBDIVISION

1. Lone Pine Branch. Mojave to Lone Pine - 139.3 miles. Movements shall be authorized by timetable schedules and train orders.
2. Oak Creek Branch. Mojave to Creal - 9.2 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Mojave.

SAN JOAQUIN DIVISION - BAKERSFIELD SUBDIVISION

3. Arvin Branch. Magunden to Arvin - 16.5 miles. Through movements Magunden to Arvin and return shall be authorized by train orders except that switcher movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 with appropriate instructions to yield to through movements promptly.
4. Buttonwillow Branch. Kern Junction to Buttonwillow - 32.7 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders between Kern Junction and Gosford (9 miles) and shall be restricted to one at a time between Gosford and Buttonwillow (23.7 miles) by the use of a train register located at Gosford.
5. Exeter Branch. Famoso to Fresno - 104.3 miles. Between Famoso and Ducor (22.7 miles), movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 supplemented by automatic block signal protection. Between Ducor and Fresno (81.6 miles), movements shall be authorized by timetable schedules and train orders.
6. Richgrove Branch. Richgrove to Jovista - 4.1 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
7. Visalia Branch. Goshen Junction to Exeter - 17.9 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders except between Milepost 245.30 and Milepost 247.50 and between Milepost 260 and Milepost 263.20 where movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
8. Coalinga Branch. Goshen Junction to Coalinga - 55.3 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders except at Hanford, between Milepost 251.88 and Milepost 253.28, between Lemoore, Milepost 260.30, and Rossi, Milepost 264.00, between Westhaven, Milepost 272, and Huron, Milepost 282, and at Coalinga between Milepost 294.50 and the end of branch where movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93. The yard limit board at Goshen Jct. shall be retained at Milepost 243.00.
9. Stratford Branch. Rossi to Stratford - 7.6 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Rossi.

SAN JOAQUIN DIVISION - BAKERSFIELD SUBDIVISION (Continued)

10. Clovis Branch. Fresno to Rockfield - 20.2 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders.

SAN JOAQUIN DIVISION - STOCKTON SUBDIVISION

11. Biola Branch. Biola Junction to Biola - 8.1 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Biola Junction.
12. Riverdale Branch. Ingle to Riverdale - 32.7 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders except that between Milepost 190 and Milepost 193 (San Joaquin) movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
13. Oakdale Branch. Stockton to Montpelier - 48.9 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Stockton Yard.
14. Woodbridge Branch. Lodi to Woodbridge - 2.5 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
15. Kentucky House Branch. Lodi to Kentucky House - 39.3 miles. Between Lodi and Victor (3.8 miles), movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93. Between Victor and Kentucky House (35.5 miles), movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Victor.
16. Ione Branch. Galt to Ione - 27.1 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Galt.

WESTERN DIVISION - SAN FRANCISCO SUBDIVISION

1. Vasona Branch. San Jose to Permanente - 16.9 miles. Between San Jose and Campbell (3.8 miles), movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93. Between Campbell and Permanente (13.1 miles), movements shall be authorized by train orders.
2. Hollister Branch. Cannadero to Hollister - 11.7 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders.
3. Santa Cruz Branch. Watsonville Junction to Olympia - 28.9 miles. Between Watsonville Junction and Santa Cruz (20.1 miles), movements shall be authorized by train orders. Between Santa Cruz and Olympia (8.8 miles), movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
4. Davenport Branch. Santa Cruz to Davenport - 11.5 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.

WESTERN DIVISION - SALINAS SUBDIVISION

5. Monterey Branch. Castroville to Lake Marilla - 19.6 miles. Movements shall be authorized by timetable schedules and train orders.
6. Spreckels Branch. Spreckels Junction to Spreckels - 2.5 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.

WESTERN DIVISION - MARTINEZ SUBDIVISION

7. San Ramon Branch. Avon to Radum - 29.7 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders between Avon, Milepost 40.50, and Dougherty, Milepost 63.25, and shall be made between Dougherty and Radum, Milepost 67.80, in accordance with Rule 93.
8. Schellville Branch. Suisun-Fairfield to Schellville - 24.8 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders.
9. Vallejo Branch. Napa Junction to Vallejo - 7.1 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 except that movements from Vallejo to Napa Junction shall not be made without obtaining authority from Lombard.
10. Calistoga Branch. Napa Junction to Calistoga - 34.5 miles. Between Napa Junction and Napa (8.3 miles), movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93 except that movements from Rocktram to Napa Junction shall not be made without obtaining authority from Lombard. Between Napa and Calistoga (26.2 miles), movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Napa.
11. Winters Branch. Elmira to Esparto - 30.3 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders.

SACRAMENTO DIVISION - WEST VALLEY SUBDIVISION

1. Knights Landing Branch. Woodland to Robbins - 15.5 miles. Between Woodland and Sugarfield (2.8 miles), movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93. Between Sugarfield and Robbins (12.70 miles), movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Sugarfield.
2. Colusa Branch. Harrington to Wyo - 72.1 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders.
3. Matheson Branch. Redding to Matheson - 10.7 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Redding.

SACRAMENTO DIVISION - EAST VALLEY SUBDIVISION

4. Oroville Branch. Oroville to Villa Verona - 3.4 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
5. Stirling City Branch. Chico to Stirling City - 31.2 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Chico.
6. Yuba City Branch. Berg to Wilson - 14.4 miles. Between Berg and Yuba City (3.4 miles), movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93. Between Yuba City and Wilson (11 miles), movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Yuba City.
7. Dantoni Branch. Dantoni Junction to Dantoni - 4.4 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.

SACRAMENTO DIVISION - ROSEVILLE SUBDIVISION

8. Walnut Grove Branch. Sacramento to Isleton - 33.2 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders.
9. Placerville Branch. Brighton to Placerville - 55 miles. Movements shall be authorized by train orders.
10. Fair Oaks Branch. Citrus to Fair Oaks - 1.9 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.
11. Folsom Branch. Folsom Junction to Folsom - .7 miles. Movements shall be made in accordance with Rule 93.

OREGON DIVISION - MODOC SUBDIVISION

1. Lakeview Branch. Alturas to Lakeview - 55.5 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Alturas.
2. Westwood Branch. Wendel to Mason - 48.5 miles. Movements shall be restricted to one at a time by the use of a train register located at Wendel.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Southern Pacific Company shall advise train and engine crews of the location of track and structure work. However, this requirement shall not be construed to relieve maintenance-of-way crews of protecting against train and engine movements.

2. Unattended cars shall not be left on any branch line main track. However, in the event it becomes necessary under emergency conditions to leave disabled cars or engines standing on the main track, train and engine crews or employees operating mobile equipment shall be notified of the location of any disabled cars or engines.

3. Southern Pacific Company shall require crews to leave all unattended main track switches lines and locked or latched for the main track.

4. In addition to the filings required by General Order No. 108 of this Commission, Southern Pacific Company shall prior to the effective date of this order file a copy of all bulletins and special instructions issued to implement the requirements set forth in this order and such bulletins and instructions shall remain in effect until further order of this Commission.

5. Nothing in this order shall be construed as prohibiting Southern Pacific Company from issuing train orders to govern movements of trains or engines on branch lines or portions of branch lines instead of the methods of operations otherwise prescribed by this order.

6. The branch line operations as prescribed by this order shall not apply in cases of emergency involving the safety of trains or engines or in the movement of trains or engines during emergency conditions created by storm, flood, earthquake, derailment, or wreck, provided that appropriate supervision is maintained during such emergencies.

The signaling required by Conditions 11 and 22 on the Los Angeles Division - Terminal Subdivision shall be installed and in operation not later than 90 days after the effective date of this order.

The complaint of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Case No. 8334, is hereby dismissed.

The Secretary of the Commission is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be personally served upon Southern Pacific Company and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The effective date of this order shall be 20 days after such service.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1967.

*Edwin Mitchell*  
President  
*William B. Bennett*  
*August*  
*Fred P. Monissey*

Commissioners

Commissioner WILLIAM SYMONS, JR. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.