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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern Pacific )	
Transportation Company for an )	Application 83-10-56
Exemption From the Width )	(Filed October 31, 1983)
Restrictions of General Order )	
26-D. )	
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INTERIM ORDER

By letter of September 23, 1983, Southern Pacific Transportation Company advised that Car JTTX-470402 having extreme width of 13'4" containing airplane parts for the B-1 bomber had been released from Grand Prairie, Texas enroute to Rockwell International at Palmdale, California and requested emergency authority to operate the excess width loaded car from the state line near Yuma, Arizona direct to Palmdale and return empty.

Resolution S-1467, effective October 5, 1983 authorized the one urgent movement. By Application 83-10-56, filed October 31, 1983, Southern Pacific Transportation Company advised that the one authorized move is planned for November 4, 1983 and further that the shipments of B-1 bomber components by Vought Corporation from Grand Prairie, Texas to Rockwell International, Palmdale, California will continue until 1986 with moves at approximately two-week intervals.

Applicant contends that rail transportation is a practical, economical and expeditious method of transportation as compared with air, ocean and highway modes for moving the oversized shipment and unless the requested authority is granted that the interest of the U. S. Government in carrying out the National Defense will be substantially and adversely affected. A copy of the application has been mailed to the interested parties by the applicant. However, there has not been sufficient time for response.

Findings of Fact

1. B-1 bomber airplane parts are manufactured by the Vought Corporation near Grand Prairie, Texas.
2. B-1 bombers are assembled at Rockwell International near Palmdale, California.
3. A metal container, 13'4" wide, has been permanently welded to a railroad flat car to transport B-1 bomber airplane parts from point of manufacture to point of assembly.
4. The Commission's G.O. 26-D limits the width of freight cars to a maximum of 10'10".
5. B-1 bombers are essential to the U. S. Government National Defense.
6. The Commission authorized by Resolution S-1467 a single emergency movement of the excess width car JTTX-470402.

Conclusions of Law

1. In the interest of National Defense, Southern Pacific Transportation Company should be granted interim authority to move excess width freight cars not exceeding 13'4" containing B-1 bomber airplane parts subject to the same conditions set forth in Resolution S-1467.
2. Final decision in this matter should not be issued until interested parties have an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The authority to operate Car JTTX-470402 is hereby extended and shall apply to all similar cars until disposition of this application, subject to the same conditions and restrictions as contained in Resolution S-1467 (attached).

2. This authority shall expire on the date a final decision in this application becomes effective.

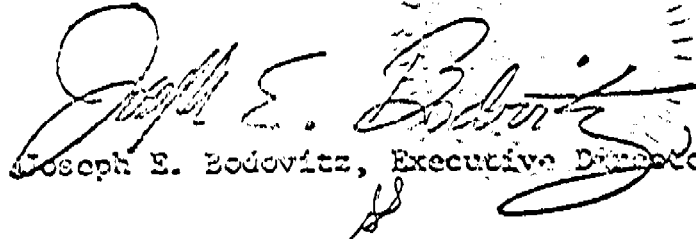
This order is effective today.

Dated NOV 22 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President  
VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. GREW  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

Commissioner Donald Vial, being necessarily absent, did not participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director