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Decision No. 89745 DEC 12 1978

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Simi Valley }
for the construction of a grade }
separation of Madera Road over the }
Southern Pacific Transportation Company }
tracks proposed Crossing No. E-432.23-A }
in the City of Simi Valley. }

Application No. 56199

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

By Decision No. 85829, the City of Simi Valley was authorized to construct Madera Road Overhead at separated grades over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's main line in the City of Simi Valley, Ventura County.

By letter of May 16, 1978, the City of Simi Valley requested that Decision No. 85829 be modified to permit the following reduced clearances during the period of construction:

"(1) 14 feet horizontal clearance from centerline of track to falsework:

"(2) 10 feet horizontal clearance from centerline of nearest tangent track to forms, tracing and other construction supports above top of rail; and

"(3) 21 feet - 6 inches vertical clearance above top of rail."

General Order No. 26-D, which sets forth the minimum clearance requirements for railroads, requires a minimum side clearance of 8'-6" from the centerline of tangent standard gauge railroad track for all structures and obstructions above the top of rail with certain exceptions which permit a lesser minimum side clearance.

Authority of the Commission is, therefore, not required for the reduced side clearances which will occur during construction of the Madera Road Overhead, as set forth in the City of Simi Valley's May 16, 1978, letter.

In response to the City's letter, the railroad, by letter of October 9, 1978, stated that "This company will offer no objections to issuance of an amendment to the decision authorizing the temporary impaired clearance."

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order 26-D, except that during the period of construction a clearance of not less than 21'-6 " above top of rail shall be authorized, and the Southern Pacific Transportation Company shall be authorized to operate with such reduced overhead clearance provided that instructions are issued by the railroad and filed with the Commission forbidding employees to ride on tops of cars.

2. Applicant shall notify the Commission and the Southern Pacific Transportation Company at least 15 but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when the temporary impaired clearance will be created.

In all other respects, Decision No. 85829 shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of DECEMBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President
William G. Jones, Jr.
Leonard L. Sturgeon
Charles P. Swank
Clair T. DeLoach
Commissioners