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Decision No. 90457 JUN 19 1979

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board Requesting an Exemption from Certain Provisions General Orders 26-D and 95

Application No. 58872 (Filed May 16, 1979)

OPINION

The San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) by this Application requests an order authorizing exemption from the requirements of General Order 26-D, Sections 2.1 and 14 and General Order 95, Rule 37, Table 1, Case 1, Column C and Rule 74.4 to permit installation of an overhead catenary contact wire system at 22 feet 0 inches, instead of the required 22 feet 6 inches, above San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway main line single and double trackage between San Diego (approximate M.P.1.5) and San Ysidro (approximate M.P.15.2). The overhead contact wire will supply electric power for propelling light rail transit cars that are to be operated between downtown San Diego and San Ysidro. The electric power will be received on each car by a pantograph installed on the car roof.

Investigation by the staff has determined that MTDB's request, based upon the practical working limits of the pantograph as stated therein, is reasonable and justified, that train operations can be conducted safely with the proposed 22 feet 0 inches wire height and all known interested parties have advised that they will not oppose the request. It appears that a public hearing is not necessary and that MTDB's request should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the San Diego Metropolitan
Transit Development Board is authorized to install an overhead catenary
contact wire system at a height of 22 feet O inches above top of rail
of San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway main line single and double

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trackage between San Diego (approximate M.P.1.5) and San Ysidro (approximate M.P.15.2). The San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway is authorized to operate freight trains with the reduced overhead clearance.

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