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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution No. S-1482
Transportation Division

R E S O L U T I O N

AUTHORIZING SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
TEMPORARY DEVIATION FROM THE COMMISSION'S GENERAL ORDERS 26D
AND 118 AND THE SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL VALLEY RAILROAD
COMPANY TO OPERATE ADJACENT THERETO.

By letter of November 5, 1986, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) requests temporary deviation from the Commission's General Orders 26D and 118 applicable to the San Diego and Imperial Valley Railroad (SDIV) between Euclid Avenue in San Diego and Main Street in El Cajon during construction of the El Cajon Light Rail Transit Project. MTDB commenced construction in January 1987 and anticipates it will continue through December 1989.

Construction of the El Cajon Light Rail Transit Project will involve the installation of additional trackage, placement of catenary poles adjacent to branch main line trackage, and realignment and/or relocation of spur tracks and sidings currently used by SDIV.

The staff of the Railroad Operations and Safety Section is of the opinion that safe operations can be conducted by SDIV providing that precautionary measures are observed.

IT IS ORDERED that the requested authority is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Freight operations shall be scheduled so as not to conflict with construction activities.
2. This authority is limited to construction activities affecting branch main line track conditions and shall be limited to the work necessary for the construction of the Light Rail Project.
3. The Metropolitan Transit Development Board shall be responsible for notification to SDIV and the Commission sufficiently in advance of construction and SDIV shall issue and file with the Commission appropriate instructions to its employees advising them of the substandard conditions.

4. To the extent possible, the Standard walkway conditions in General Order 118 and the minimum clearances in General Order 26D shall be provided at all times when freight operations are being conducted.
5. At times of rail movements in the affected area, no barricades or other materials shall be left closer than 8' 6" from the center line of track (9' 6" on curved track).
6. During construction activities, the track area and walkway areas will be kept as free of construction materials as possible to allow the passage of trains and to afford maximum railroad worker safety.
7. Prior to dispatching freight trains through known construction areas, the dispatcher shall have recorded confirmation from an MTDB designated track inspector that the affected tracks meet the requirements for Class 1 trackage (10 mph) of the FRA Track Safety Standards (49 CFR 213) and that walkway standards and minimum clearances have been provided.
8. MTDB and/or its agents shall furnish qualified inspectors and radio equipped flag persons insufficient numbers to ensure safe train operations through and during any construction activity.
9. Provision shall be made by MTDB or its agents for continuation of normal track inspections during daylight hours, carried out in compliance with Section 213.233 of the FRA Track Safety Standards.
10. This authority shall expire December 31, 1989.

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I certify that this authority was adopted by the Public Utilities
Commission at its regular conference on JUL 8 - 1987.
The following Commissioners approved it.

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