

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY TO OPERATE TEMPORARILY ADJACENT TO SUBSTANDARD WALKWAY CONDITIONS AT TWO LOCATIONS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH DURING A PERIOD OF TRACK REALIGNMENT OF PORTIONS OF THE RAILROAD'S WILMINGTON BRANCH

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By letters dated May 13, 1987, and May 29, 1987, Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTCO) requests authority for operations adjacent to temporarily disrupted walkways on its Wilmington Branch.

The substandard walkways will result from construction activities by Herzog Contracting Corporation to relocate SPTCO trackage to accommodate the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission's light rail line between Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The contractor's engineering consultant Santina & Thorpe has proposed restoration of walkways in accordance with General Order 118 Standards at all except two locations, which will require deviations. These locations involve walkways being constructed that extend to only 8'0" to 8'3" from the center of track:

1. At Milepost 488.4, between 70th Street and Florence Avenue, Engineer's Station 306+13 to 309+17, for a total of 304 linear feet at 8'0" from center of track.
2. At Milepost 490.4, north of Century Boulevard, Engineer's Station 411+88 to 413+66, for a total of 178 linear feet at 8'3" from center of track.

SPTCO believes that the proposed restoration of walkways with the above-described exceptions will present less of a footing problem than other available solutions, including sheet pile. SPTCO expects that the period required for the variance should begin on August 1, 1987, and extend through September 30, 1987.

The United Transportation Union (UTU) was advised of SPTCO's request by letter dated May 29, 1987. UTU is agreeable to the Commission's granting the variance only if it orders SPTCO to waive application of its Rule 109(A) of The General Code of Operating Rules, which requires routine walking inspections by operating employees.

The Commission finds that temporary operations can be conducted safely under the ordered conditions. A public hearing is not necessary.

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

1. Routine walking inspections normally required by Rule 109(A) of SPTCO's General Code of Operating Practices shall not be required at the locations of substandard walkways, viz. at Milepost 488.4 and at Milepost 490.4.
2. Appropriate notices shall be issued by SPTCO and filed with the Commission advising railroad employees of substandard walkway conditions.
3. The authority herein shall expire October 31, 1987.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular conference on JUL 29 1987.  
The following Commissioners approved it.

  
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