

Resolution S-1486
 Transportation Division
 File: GO 26-D

R E S O L U T I O N

APPROVAL OF OPERATING CONDITIONS OVER A SPUR TRACK TERMINATING WITHIN A BUILDING OF THE UNION SUGAR COMPANY AT BETTERAVIA SERVED BY SANTA MARIA VALLEY RAILROAD

By Resolution S-1046, dated January 7, 1964, The Commission authorized the Santa Maria Valley Railroad to operate on a spur track terminating within a building with an overhead clearance of 20'9" above top of rail. The facility is part of the Union Sugar Company complex at Betteravia, California.

By letter dated September 22, 1987, Santa Maria Valley Railroad Company has requested authority to further reduce the overhead clearance to 18'6" to accommodate a roll-up door across the track to enclose the building where a food product is being loaded.

United Transportation Union (UTU) was furnished with a copy of the proposal and has protested the modification to the overhead clearance. UTU believes the reduced clearance will create safety hazards for operating employees. The proposed 18'6" overhead clearance, however, is still within the 18' allowance described in Section 2.2 of General Order 26-D, and the conditions imposed below will obviate occupational risks that might otherwise be of concern.

We, therefore, conclude that the request is reasonable, subject to the anticipated reductions of Section 2.2 of General Order 26-D. With operations subject to the conditions imposed below (also part of Resolution S-1046) operations can be conducted safely at this location.

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

1. A sign of 24-hour visibility, reading "STOP. TRAINMEN MUST NOT RIDE ON TOP OF CARS." shall be installed on the face of the building at a point above the center line of track at the entrance to the building. The word "STOP" shall be in 6" red letters and the balance of the working in 3" black letters on a white background.
2. Appropriate notice shall be issued to affected railroad employees advising them of the reduced overhead clearance and forbidding them to ride on tops of cars while switching into and out of the building.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on NOV 13 1987.

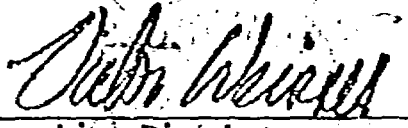
The following Commissioners approved it:

STANLEY W. HULETT
 President

FREDERICK R. DUDA
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Commissioners

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


 Executive Director