

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RAIL SAFETY AND CARRIERS DIVISION
Rail Safety Branch
Railroad Operations and Safety Section

RESOLUTION SR-104
Date: November 4, 1999

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RESOLUTION SR- 104. DETERMINES THAT SPACE IS LIMITED AT SOLANA BEACH AMTRAK/COASTER PLATFORM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PASSENGER CANOPY AT SIDE CLEARANCE DIMENSIONS APPLICABLE TO TANGENT TRACK FOR SLIGHTLY CURVED TRACK.

By letter dated August 17, 1999, North County Transit District (NCTD) requests application of tangent track standards to the side clearance requirements of a new passenger platform canopy at Solana Beach, CA (Milepost 241.6).

General Order (G.O.) 26-D requires generally 9'6" minimum side clearance for curved track but provides application of tangent track dimensions (8'6") for slightly curved track (Sections 3.2 and 3.16). The track in question is one degree curvature so it meets the specifications of Section 3.16 for application of tangent track clearance.

In Solana Beach, CA, at the Amtrak and Coaster train station, NCTD is installing a second main track and 1,000-foot-long concrete passenger platform. NCTD has modified its plans by changing the track centers from 15 feet to 19 feet to create room for inter-track fencing, as requested by Burlington Northern Santa Fe and the Commission staff. This change necessitates reducing the width of the west platform from 16 feet to 12 feet.

The platforms are 8' ATR and 5'4" from track centerlines. Of the eight canopies constructed, all are 12 feet high to the outermost edge, and all have lawful side clearances except the northwest installation; six on tangent track have 8'6", and one on curved track (Track One) has 9'6".

On Track Two, the horizontal space is limited due to the reduced platform width and the adjacent 3/4:1, 25-foot high slope, and consequently only 8'6" side clearance can be provided to the outermost edge of the adjacent canopy.

A copy of the proposal was furnished to trainmen's unions affecting safety matters. The State Legislative Director for United Transportation Union met on site on September 17, 1999, and determined that his organization would not object to the request but continues generally to

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uphold safety dimensions in excess of minimum standards as stated in the Commission's G.O. 26-D. By letter dated September 8, 1999, Burlington Northern Santa Fe advises that it has no objection to the proposal.

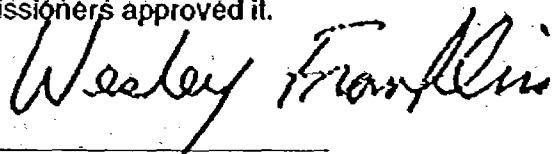
The Commission, therefore, finds that space is limited on Track 2 at Milepost 241.6, Solana Beach, CA, so that the northwest canopy roof adjacent to the track may be at the same clearance as for tangent track.

This is an uncontested matter in which the Resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PU Code Section 311 (g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

IT IS ORDERED that North County Transit District is granted authority for an 8'6" proposed clearance from the centerline of Track 2 to the edge of the canopy roof on a one-degree curved track at Milepost 241.6, Solana Beach, California.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 4, 1999. The following Commissioners approved it.



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