

Resolution No. SR-14  
Safety Division  
Page 1 of 2

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**GRANTING A TEMPORARY VARIANCE FROM THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS OF GENERAL ORDER 26D DURING CONSTRUCTION OVER SPUR TRACK SERVING THE LOS ANGELES TIMES PRINTING PLANT AT NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, ALONG TRACKAGE OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.**

By letter dated January 23, 1990, Southern Pacific Transportation Company, on behalf of Masthead International, Incorporated, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, requests a variance from the height requirement of California Public Utilities Commission General Order 26-D.

The letter provides the following information:

1. Masthead International, Incorporated is a licensed California Contractor selected to do a project for the Los Angeles Times that consists of transporting multiple-ton press equipment from a truck unloading area across a railroad spur track outside the north end of the Northridge press facility into the building on its east side. The loading and unloading will be accomplished with steel beam rigging from the unloading area across the track into the building.
2. The proposed rigging will have an overhead clearance of twenty-one (21) feet five (5) inches above top of rail and is used to place the equipment onto the loading dock.
3. The spur track is a privately owned track served by Southern Pacific Transportation for the purpose of supplying news print to the Los Angeles Times.
4. This is a temporary project and the impairment will be removed at the end of the project.

The United Transportation Union has been contacted as an interested party and has expressed no objections to this Resolution.

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

1. An "Impaired Overhead Clearance" sign will be posted in accordance with Southern Pacific Common Standards, and that this sign will be illuminated at night.
2. A sign will be posted adjacent to the "Impaired Overhead Clearance" sign stating that "Crew members will not ride on top of the cars".
3. Southern Pacific Transportation Company will issue appropriate clearance and footing notices to all employees who may be affected by this impairment.
4. Southern Pacific will also issue instructions to all of their employees who may be affected by this impairment not to ride on top of cars at this location.
5. Southern Pacific Transportation Company employees will co-ordinate their switching movements with Masthead International, Inc., or its authorized representative, so that the area is clear of equipment during switching operations.
6. The rigging will be removed at the end of this project.
7. The Safety Division of the California Public Utilities Commission will be notified of the completion of this project.
8. This authority shall expire upon the completion or in two years of this date, which ever comes first.

I certify that the Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular conference on FEB 07 1990. The following Commissioners approved it.

G. MITCHELL WALK  
President  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
STANLEY W. HULETT  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
Commissioners

*Wesley Franklin*  
Acting Executive Director