

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. SR-38
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R E S O L U T I O N

AUTHORITY GRANTING SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION
COMPANY A VARIANCE FROM GENERAL ORDER 26-D,
PERMITTING OPERATIONS UNDER AN IMPAIRED OVERHEAD
CLEARANCE AT AMSTEEL CORPORATION, EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

By letter dated March 26, 1992, Southern Pacific Transportation Company requests a variance from General Order 26-D in order to operate under an impaired clearance at AmSteel Corporation in El Centro, California.

Southern Pacific is making this request in conjunction with AmSteel in order to construct a new track to serve the industry.

The letter provides the following information:

1. The requested trackage is new construction.
2. The trackage will be constructed under an already existing overhead crane at a clearance of 19 feet.
3. To lower the track would be cost prohibitive.
4. The industry receives only flat and gondola type cars.
5. All other clearances meet Commission requirements

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

General Order 26-D requires a minimum of 22'6" overhead clearance. However, that clearance is lowered to 18' when the track terminates within a building. The construction, as proposed, though not terminating within a building, does not extend beyond the company's property.

It is recommended that this request be granted upon certain conditions. Interested parties have been contacted and have raised no objections.

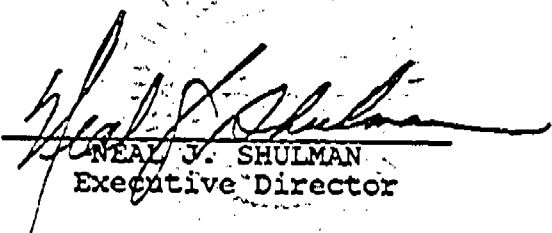
The request is reasonable and the operation of the trains can be conducted by the carrier in a safe manner. Further, based on the history of past operations, we feel that this authority may be granted as long as certain requirements be met as set forth in the Ordering Paragraphs.

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IT IS ORDERED that the requested authority is hereby granted to Southern Pacific Transportation Company subject to the following conditions:

1. Proper signage be posted in the direction of approach reading "Impaired Overhead Clearance".
2. Signage be posted in the direction of approach trains reading "Trainmen must not ride on top of cars".
3. Only cars under 15' in height will be permitted to operate under the impairment.
4. A warning signal be placed so as to warn crews of crane operating in car clearance envelope.
5. Locomotives will not be permitted to operate under or beyond impairment.

I certify that the resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission on its regular conference on June 3, 1992.
The following Commissioners approved it.


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