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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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R E S O L U T I O N

AUTHORIZING UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY TO OPERATE EXCESS WIDTH CAR, NRPX 30001, BETWEEN NIPTON, CALIFORNIA, TO WEST COLTON, CALIFORNIA AND THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION TO OPERATE EXCESS WIDTH CAR, NRPX 30001, BETWEEN WEST COLTON, CALIFORNIA AND PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA.

By letter of November 27, 1989, Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTCO), advised that car NRPX 30001, having an extreme width of thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in width at the widest point, tapering to twelve (12) feet two (2) inches at six (6) feet above top of rail, was enroute from outside of the State of California to Northrop Corporation's facility at Palmdale, California. This move is to take place on or about December 15th, 1989 under contract to the U.S. Department of Transportation, for purposes of the national defense.

Southern Pacific Transportation Company requests emergency authority on behalf of both itself and the Union Pacific Railway Company, requests the California Public Utilities Commission to grant an exemption from the width restrictions of General Order 26D, in order to move this car. Southern Pacific, on behalf of itself and others will submit an Application for varience from General Order 26D, as soon as practicable, to cover the remainder of Northrop's program.

The Commission, after hearing, by Decision No. 89639, dated November 9, 1978, and Decision No. 85-01-013, dated January 3, 1985, authorized the movement of similar cars having an extreme width of to thirteen (13) feet and four (4) inches subject to ordered conditions and restrictions.

The staff is unaware of any incidents involving the movements authorized by Decision Nos. 89639 or 85-01-013 and recommends that the requested authority be granted subject to similar conditions and restrictions contained in these decisions.

This matter did not appear in the Commission's Public Agenda. However, under Public Utility Code, Section 306b, this is an unforeseen emergency requiring immediate Commission action, without notice on the agenda. Known interested parties have been contacted.

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

1. Car NRPX 30001 shall be operated subject to the provisions of Section 7 of General Order 26-D.
2. Car NRPX 30001 and any cars containing lading in excess of ten (10) feet ten (10) inches wide shall be blocked together in the train.
3. Car NRPX 30001 shall not be left standing on tracks where adjacent track centers are less than fifteen (15) feet apart.
4. A train containing Car NRPX 30001 shall not meet, pass, or be passed on curves, turnouts, or locations where track centers are less than fourteen (14) feet apart by any rail movement in excess of ten (10) feet ten (10) inches wide.
5. Car NRPX 30001 shall have alternating orange and white reflective four (4) inch wide diagonal stripes from floor to top on the end portion which extends beyond five (5) feet five (5) inches from the center line.
6. Movement of Car NRPX 30001 shall be expedited and handled in through trains and mainlined wherever operations will permit.
7. Employees shall be prohibited from riding Car NRPX 30001 or on cars moving past such car on adjacent tracks.
8. Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTCO) shall notify the Safety Division of the California Public Utilities Commission of the:
  - a. Date, Time, Location, and Train Symbol that the car entered California.
  - b. Date, Time, and Train Symbol that the Car arrived in Palmdale.
  - c. Date, Time, and Train Symbol that the Car departed Palmdale.
  - d. Date, Time, Location, and Train Symbol that the Car departed California.
9. The Safety Division of the California Public Utilities Commission will be notified of any incidents involving Car NRPX 30001.

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10. Failure to comply with the provisions of this resolution may result in fines or penalties under authority of Public Utilities Code Sections: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, and/or 2115.
11. This authority shall be limited to this specific movement.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission on its regular conference on DEC 6 1989.  
The following Commissioners approved it.

G. MITCHELL WILK  
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FREDERICK R. DUDA  
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