

GENERAL ORDER No. 22-B
(Superseding General Order No. 22-A)

**Public Utilities Commission of the
State of California**

REGULATIONS GOVERNING REPORTS OF ACCIDENTS ON RAILROADS

Adopted December 30, 1958. Effective January 1, 1959.
(56 Cal. P.U.C. 714)

IT IS ORDERED by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California that all accidents occurring on railroads in this State be reported in accordance with the regulations outlined herein.

REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH OR TELEPHONE

1. The Commission will be furnished with immediate notice by telegraph or by telephone of the following classes of accidents:

- (a) All collisions of locomotives, cars and trains resulting in loss of life or serious injury to persons.
- (b) All derailments or other accidents to locomotives, cars and trains, resulting in loss of life or serious injury to persons.
- (c) All bridge failures.
- (d) All highway crossing accidents resulting in loss of life or serious injury to persons.

The telegraph or telephone notice shall give the date, time, place and kind of accident, the equipment involved and the number of passengers, employees and persons killed or injured. Such notice shall be sent directly to the Commission from the office of the Superintendent upon whose division the accident occurred. He shall also advise what relief or special trains, if any, are to be run to the site of the accident, and shall state the time and place of their departure and as soon as determined by the railroad company, shall notify the Commission by telegraph or by telephone of the time and place of holding any inquiry, investigation or hearing at which testimony or statements of employees or witnesses will be taken. Said time and place of hearing shall be set so as to give the Commission or its employees time to arrive at the place of inquiry, investigation or hearing.

REPORTS BY MAIL

2. Every accident on railroads, whether or not covered in a preliminary notice by telegraph or telephone, shall be reported monthly to this Commission by the General Manager, Superintendent, or other proper officer of such railroad. Said reports shall be filed with the Commission not later than 30 days from the end of the month in which the accident occurred.

3. Such monthly reports shall be prepared by said railroads and submitted to this Commission in accordance with "Rules Governing Monthly Reports of Accidents" as issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and in addition the following shall be observed:

- (a) Any and all accidents, involving railroads, railroad operations, or railroad property with or without casualties, occurring at crossings of public highways or private roads or on public streets between crossings shall be reported to this Commission on Form No. 17.
- (b) Accidents reported on Form 17 shall not be reported on Public Utilities Commission Form "T".
- (c) Each railroad shall report to this Commission on P.U.C. Form "T" accidents arising from its operation that result in one or more of the following circumstances:
 - (1) Damage to railroad property amounting to more than \$750.00, exclusive of the expense of clearing a wreck.
 - (2) Death of a person.
 - (3) Injury to an employee or to a person other than an employee if the injury is sufficient in the opinion of the reporting officer to incapacitate the injured employee or person other than an employee from following his customary vocation or mode of life for a period of 24 hours or more.
- (d) Locomotive miles and motor miles operated in the State of California shall be shown on P.U.C. Form "V", motor miles to apply only to leading car of passenger trains, provided that where the state line divides a railroad division, the mileage may include the operation over the entire division.
- (e) The railroads shall furnish the Commission a monthly report showing the number of man hours employed in the operation of trains in the State of California. This shall be filed with the Commission not later than 60 days following the month to be reported.

Issued by order made at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of December, 1958.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By R. J. PAJALICH, *Secretary*