

**GENERAL ORDER No. 31**

**Railroad Commission of the State of California**

**IN THE MATTER OF PLACING AND POSTING BULLETIN BOARDS IN PASSENGER DEPOTS OF STEAM RAILROADS, AND KEEPING PASSENGER STATIONS OPEN.**

Approved November 5, 1912. Effective December 1, 1912.  
(Annual Report, Railroad Commission, 1912-1913, pp. 605, 612)

1. *It is hereby ordered, by the Railroad Commission of the State of California,* That every railroad corporation operating steam railroads in this state over which regular passenger trains or cars are run, shall place in a conspicuous place in its passenger depots or stations suitable bulletin boards, upon which the time of arrival and departure of passenger trains or cars, as shown by the published schedules, shall be recorded; and

2. *It is further ordered,* That at every passenger depot or station where telegraph operators are maintained, the fact that any passenger train or car is on time or late shall be bulletined not less than thirty minutes before the schedule time of arrival of such passenger train or car, during the time when such telegraph operators are regularly on duty. If such train or car is late, the time when it will arrive, stated approximately, if not known accurately, must be clearly recorded. It shall be the duty of the train dispatchers to furnish correct information to all telegraph operators for record on bulletin boards; and

3. *It is further ordered,* That every railroad corporation doing a passenger business in this state shall keep open its depots or stations not less than thirty minutes before the scheduled time of arrival of passenger trains or cars for the ingress or egress of passengers or other persons entitled to go therein. Such depots or stations shall be well lighted and warmed for the comfort and accommodation of such passengers; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to flag stations or other stations during such time when there is no agent, telegraph operator, or other railroad employee regularly on duty in or about the same.

By order of the Commission.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE  
OF CALIFORNIA,

By CHARLES R. DETRICK, *Secretary*

