

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the matter of application for )  
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 SUPERIOR OIL CO. )  
 TACOMA, WASHINGTON, )  
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 For exemption under the Clearance )  
 Rules and Regulations Governing )  
 Common Carrier Railroads. )  
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CAUSE NO. TR-920161  
 ORDER GRANTING  
 CLEARANCE EXEMPTION  
 WITH CONDITIONS

By application filed with the Commission on February 11, 1992, Superior Oil seeks exemption from overhead clearance requirements for constructing a pipeway over its spur tracks at its facilities at 250 East "D" Street, Tacoma, Washington. The construction is relocating facility's underground lube oil pipes.

The overhead clearance will be 19 feet, or 2 feet 6 inches less than the 22 foot, 6 inch clearance required by WAC 480-60-040(1). The spur track serves only the Superior Oil facility and ends a short distance past unloading area. WAC 480-60-040(2) does allow a vertical clearance of 18 feet for tracks that end within a building.

The average number of train movements into the area of impairment will be 2 per day, usually between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The area along the track is illuminated for night work.

Commission staff has investigated the matter and has recommended that the clearance exemption be granted upon the imposition of certain conditions.

The Commission, having considered the record and file in this matter and being fully advised in the premises, believes that the application should be granted upon condition. The Commission therefore enters the following order.

O R D E R

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That application No. TR-920161 of Superior Oil-Tacoma for exemption from clearance provisions of Title 480, Chapter 60 of the Washington Administrative Code for impairments caused by a pipeway over tracks be, and the same is hereby, granted under the following conditions:

1. A sign measuring at least 12 inches by 24 inches, with the words "Stop Restricted Clearance" in two-inch-high black letters on a white reflectorized background, shall be posted on both sections of the entrance gate and on both sides.

2. The area of the impairment shall be well illuminated during hours of darkness.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1992.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD D. CASAD, Commissioner



A. J. PARDINI, Commissioner