GENERAL ORDER NO. 110

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF RADIO COMMUNICATION IN COMMON CARRIER RAILROAD OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution S-892

IT IS ORDERED by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California that each railroad corporation operating in the State of California shall observe the following rules and regulations in the use of radio communications in railroad operations:

1. Radio communication shall not be used in the movement of trains in conflict with any rules and regulations of the operating department, timetable or special instructions in effect on any railroad.

2. Any railroad which reissues, modifies, changes, cancels, supplements, or issues new rules and regulations of the operating department involving the use of radio communication in connection with train movements, shall file a copy thereof with the Commission on or before the effective date thereof; and all bulletins or special instructions issued by any railroad involving the use of radio communication in connection with train movements shall be filed with the Commission on or before the effective date thereof.

3. No railroad shall employ radio communication to transmit train orders directly to any train or engine crew or any person on a train or engine without filing with the Commission such intention and the procedure for such operation on or before the date of placing such operation in effect. The provisions of this condition shall not apply in cases of emergency involving the safety of trains or in the movement of trains during emergency conditions created by storm, flood, earthquake, derailment, or wreck, or to any railroad having issued prior to the effective date of this order, rules and regulations of the operating department, bulletins or special instruction permitting the radio transmission of train orders directly to any train.

4. Subject to the provisions of Rule No. 3 hereof, where the terms "telephone, transmit, means of communication, or oral understanding" are used in any railroad’s rules and regulations of the operating department, radio may be used provided that conditions permit clear and distinct transmission and reception.
5. Subject to the provisions of Rule No. 1 hereof, nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the use of radio communication in the issuance of messages, information, or verbal instructions to train, yard and engine crews.

This order shall be effective July 1, 1960.

Approved and dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of June, 1960.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By R. J. PAJALICH, Secretary