

CALIFORNIA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

SACRAMENTO SOUTHERN RAILROAD

CIRCULAR –23

PROCEDURE FOR CROSSING UPRR/SSRR MANUAL INTERLOCKING CAR SECUREMENT—UPRR/SSRR INTERCHANGE

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1. ON DUTY

- a. Contact UPRR Dispatcher 62 by telephone (402-636-1641).
- b. Identify yourself as an employee of the Calif. State Railroad Museum
- c. State the approximate time you plan on making the move(s) across the interlocking located at RV988.

2. RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

- a. Ask if there are any restrictions in effect
 - 1) Form B
 - a) Form B blanks are on the wall behind the copy machine in the Crew Dispatchers' office.
 - 2) Speed restriction.
- b. The Dispatcher may advise you of the existence of a Form B, or other restriction

OR

- c. The Dispatcher may want you to copy it, as he reads it to you over the phone.
 - 1) Copy the text
 - 2) Read it back to him.
 - 3) IF the read-back is correct,
 - 4) The Dispatcher will give you his initials and "OK" time
 - 5) Enter that on the bottom of the Form B.

3. FORM B RESTRICTION

- a. If there is a Form B restriction in effect
 - 1) Contact and obtain permission from the EIC operating under the protection of a Form B, BEFORE you accept any Proceed signal to move across the interlocking (GCOR 15.2; 5.4.3; 5.4.7).
 - 2) Repeat the EIC 's instructions to him
 - 3) EIC giving the instructions must acknowledge them before they can be followed.

- b. Remember:
 - 1) The Dispatcher cannot give you permission to enter the working limits of a Form B.
 - 2) The EIC of a Form B cannot give you permission to pass a signal displaying a Stop indication.

3. MOVING THROUGH THE INTERLOCKING AT RV988

- a. When ready, contact UPRR Dispatcher 62 on AAR Freq. 46 46.
 - 1) It is permissible, and even desirable, to occupy the Approach circuit when you are ready to make the move.
 - 2) Summon the Dispatcher by holding down the Transmit button or Key on the microphone/radio while pressing:: *62 on the DTMF keypad.
 - 3) Immediately release the Transmit button after the last tone is sent.
 - 4) If the UPRR radio system received your request, you should hear a brief, single tone response after you release the Transmit button.

- b. When the Dispatcher responds
 - 1), He will identify himself as "Dispatcher 62, or "62 – Omaha."
 - 2) Immediately state that you are the rail museum located at RV988, and you want to make a move from 2 to 1 (for northbound moves); or from 1 to 2 (for southbound moves).
 - 3) Proceed on signal indication.

- c. Unless otherwise advised, speed limit across the diamonds is 5 mph.

- d. If you stop in the within the limits of the interlocking ** "OS," you must have permission from the dispatcher (and if applicable, the EIC holding the Form B), to change directions.
 - 1) "OS" defined: the track circuit between two absolute signals that detects a block occupancy.

4. OBEYING THE SIGNALS AT RV988:

- a. The signals on the SSRR connection governing movement over the UPRR main tracks at RV988 are Absolute signals.
- b. If they are displaying a red indication you may not pass them unless:
 - 1) The Dispatcher is contacted and a Proceed signal is given.
OR
 - 2) The Dispatcher advises that he is unable to give you a Proceed signal
AND
 - 3) Verbally authorizes you to pass the Absolute Signal displaying Stop indication at RV988 (2 to 1, or 1 to 2)..
 - 4) Repeat the Dispatcher's instructions
AND
 - 5) The Dispatcher giving the instructions must acknowledge them before they can be followed.
 - 6) Before proceeding, a crew member on the ground must visually inspect the switch points of both split point derails, to ensure that they are correctly lined for movement.
- c. An Absolute signal displaying a Dark indication (light out) is a Stop indication. No movement may be made past a Dark signal until Dispatcher permission is received.
- d. If you receive Dispatcher's verbal authority to flag past a Red or Dark signal
 - 1) You are receiving permission for one "pass" only (not multiple times).
 - 2) You will need the Dispatcher's permission (or a Proceed signal indication) for each time your movement needs to pass an Absolute signal.
- e. **REMEMBER: PASSING AN ABSOLUTE SIGNAL THAT IS DARK OR DISPLAYING STOP (RED) WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE DISPATCHER, IS A FRA DECERTIFIABLE OFFENSE FOR ENGINEERS AND CONDUCTORS.**

5. SECUREMENT OF CARS LEFT ON SSRR – CSRM/UPRR INTERCHANGE

- a. Secure cuts of cars by tying a minimum of two handbrakes
- b. Perform a release test to ensure handbrakes will hold the cars to be set out:
 - 1) Place cars to be set out in emergency.
 - 2) Tie handbrakes.
 - 3) Release locomotive brakes and automatic brakes to ensure cars do

- 4) not move.
Uncouple locomotive, if no movement is observed.
- c. For single car setouts, follow SSRR procedures (SSRR GO-2014-4, Item 44). In addition, block/chock wheels to prevent movement.

End of Circular—23

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