

Chapter PSC 80

RAILROAD TELLTALES

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PSC 80.01 Telltales, when provided. Telltales or warning signals shall be provided wherever in the state of Wisconsin there shall be over, above, or across any of the tracks of any railroad a bridge, crossing, viaduct or other obstruction of a height of less than 7 feet above the roof of any freight car used on or hauled over said road.

PSC 80.02 Protection afforded. Said telltales shall be installed over each track so as to afford protection against traffic in the established direction or directions, and at such distance from the obstruction as shall provide adequate security against accident.

PSC 80.03 Construction. Said telltales shall consist of a transverse support placed across each track, to which shall be attached straps, ropes, cords, or other suitable material or device spaced not more than 9 inches apart for a width of 8 feet directly over each track.

PSC 80.04 Warning device. The cords or other warning device shall be attached to the transverse beam, rod or other support at a height not less than the minimum height prescribed in section PSC 80.01 and the lower ends of the cords shall reach not less than 6 inches below the lowest projecting point of the bridge or other overhead obstruction.

PSC 80.05 Submitting plan. The standard plan used in the construction of telltales on each road of the state of Wisconsin shall be submitted to the commission for approval.

PSC 80.06 Report to be filed. On or before June 30 in each year, it shall be the duty of each railroad company within the state of Wisconsin to file with this commission, on the prescribed blanks, a verified report showing the location, height, etc., of each bridge, viaduct, tunnel or other overhead obstruction across any track or tracks of said road having a height of less than 7 feet above the roof of any freight car used on or hauled over said road, together with a statement showing whether or not the provisions of the law and this order have been fully complied with.

PSC 80.07 Application of rules. All railroads operating freight cars in the state of Wisconsin shall hereafter conform to the foregoing rules, regulating telltales. Three months is deemed sufficient time within which to comply with this order.