

Decision No. 18993

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRACTION COMPANY)
 for certain exemptions from General) Application No. 13882
 Order No. 75.)

C.W. Cornell, for Applicant

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

Central California Traction Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing certain exemptions from the requirements of Sections IV and V of this Commission's General Order No. 75 as hereinafter set forth; for approval of a certain manner of numbering of public crossings on crossing sign posts for identification purposes as specified in Section III of said General Order; and for approval of two types of signs to be installed at private crossings as prescribed in Section IV of said General Order.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at San Francisco, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Exemption from the requirement to install standard crossing signs at public crossings, as required under Section V of General Order No. 75, is requested by applicant at the following locations:

LINES OPERATED IN STREETS.Line 61 (Stockton to Sacramento)

- 1- On Center Street in the City of Stockton from Scotts Avenue to Weber Avenue.
- 2- On Weber Avenue in the City of Stockton from Madison Street to Wilson Way.
- 3- On "B" Street in the City of Stockton from the Santa Fe connection north to East Weber Avenue.

- 4- On Park Street in the City of Stockton from Union Street to Wilson Way.
- 5- On Wilson Way in the City of Stockton from Park Street to Cherokee Lane.
- 6- On Cherokee Lane from the East City Limits of the City of Stockton at Wilson Way, Northeasterly to the point of beginning of private right of way East of Sanguinetti Lane.
- 7- On Stockton Boulevard from its intersection with private right of way in Colonial Heights, Northerly to the Sacramento City Limits at 14th Avenue.
- 8- On Stockton Boulevard in the City of Sacramento from the South City Limits at 14th Avenue to 2nd Avenue. (The "Boulevard Stop" rule is in effect on this thoroughfare.)
- 9- On 2nd Avenue in the City of Sacramento from Stockton Boulevard to Sacramento Boulevard.
- 10- On Sacramento Boulevard in the City of Sacramento from 2nd Avenue to 31st Street (The "Boulevard Stop" rule is in effect on Sacramento Boulevard).
- 11- On 31st Street in the City of Sacramento from Sacramento Boulevard to "X" Street.
- 12- On 8th Street in the City of Sacramento from "X" Street to "M" Street.

Line 61 B (Lodi Junction to Lodi)

- 13- On Lodi Avenue in the City of Lodi from the East City Limits at Cherokee Lane to Sacramento Street.
- 14- On Sacramento Street in the City of Lodi from Lodi Avenue to the North City Limits.

These sections of line operated in streets are shown in red on map (Exhibit A) attached to the application.

Applicant alleges that the manner of operating its trains and cars over these sections of line is practically identical with that of street railways which are exempted under the General Order; that the speed at which cars or trains are operated in city streets is regulated by ordinance and that vehicular traffic is also controlled at many of the locations by safety stop regulations. At the hearing applicant introduced a letter from City Manager Chas. E. Ashburner of Stockton in which it is stated that the city

authorities do not wish signs placed at the street intersections as they wish to keep as many obstructions of all kinds off the streets as is possible. The cities of Sacramento and Lodi did not offer any evidence as to their position in the matter.

Assistant Engineer H. L. Englehart, of the Commission's staff, made an inspection of the crossings covered in this proceeding and submitted a report thereon which was introduced as Exhibit No.2 at the hearing. In this report Mr. Englehart recommends the installation of two Standard No.1 Crossing Signs and 67 Standard No.2 Crossing Signs at the crossings located on the sections of track hereinbefore listed. He also recommends that no signs be installed on Weber Avenue from Madison Street to Wilson Way in the City of Stockton on account of the width of the street and speed restrictions for motor vehicles.

Applicant offered no objection to the recommendations set forth in this report and there appears to be no reason why they should not be adopted. The objection of the City of Stockton to obstructions on the streets and at street intersections is overcome, we believe, by the installation of the No.2 Standard Sign. Attention is called to the fact that the advance warning signs required by Section 117 of the California Vehicle Act were not installed on the various grade crossings of public highways with the tracks of the Central California Traction Company in the cities of Stockton, Lodi and Sacramento.

The manner in which applicant proposes to show crossing numbers on crossing sign posts, shown on Exhibit "B" attached to the application, and the type of signs proposed for private crossings, as shown on Exhibit C.S. 12 attached to the application, appear satisfactory and should therefore be approved.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held on the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Central California Traction Company, a corporation, be and it hereby is directed to protect the public crossings on the sections of its line as listed in the foregoing opinion and numbered from one to fourteen, inclusive, in the manner as recommended in the report filed in this proceeding by the Engineering Department of this Commission as Exhibit No.2.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the method of showing identification numbers on railroad crossing sign posts at public crossings, as shown on Exhibit "B" attached to the application, and the types of "private" crossing signs as shown on Exhibit C.S. 12 attached to the application be and they hereby are approved as conforming to the requirements of Sections III and IV of General Order 75 of this Commission.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3d day of November, 1927.

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COMMISSIONERS.