

Decision No. 13845.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application
of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY
for certain exemptions from General
Order No. 75.

Application No. 13845.

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 6th day of June, 1927, asking for the following:

- (1) Exemption from requirement to install crossing signs as provided in Section V of General Order No. 75 at the locations specifically described in the application:
- (2) Approval of a certain type of numbering for identification of public crossings as specified in Section III, of said General Order, said proposed style of numbering to be as shown on Exhibit C.E.H. 9870.
- (3) Approval of a design of sign shown on Exhibit C-S. 12, attached to the application, which signs are to be posted or erected at private crossings in accordance with the requirements of Section IV of General Order No. 75.

On the 11th day of July, 1927, applicant filed an amended application in which the same exemptions are requested on a revised list of the sections listed in the original application.

On the 25th day of August, 1927, an amendment to the amended application was filed setting forth the following:

- (1) That a number of alleys are included in the descriptions contained in the amended application, that petitioner thinks it is desirable that determination be made whether or not such alleys are included within General Order No. 75, and if they are so included, whether or not they should be exempted from the operation of Section V of General Order No. 75; in this connection

petitioner desires to draw attention to the fact that Section 16 of the traffic ordinance of the City of Los Angeles (Ordinance No. 50515, New Series) provides as follows:

"Sec. 16. Driving from alleys.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to drive said vehicle out of an alley or driveway unless such vehicle has been brought to a complete stop immediately prior to crossing the sidewalk."

(2) That there is a widespread use of automatic traffic signals which control all traffic in both directions, including the movement of the railway cars, and that these traffic signals have proven very effective in preventing accidents. It would appear that where these signals are in effect, crossing signs are not necessary.

Service Inspector, H. L. Engelhardt, of the Commission's staff, made an inspection of the crossings involved in this proceeding and has submitted a report, copies of which were furnished to applicant.

Applicant having agreed to comply with the recommendations set forth in said report, and it appearing to the Commission that the present proceeding is not one in which a public hearing is necessary, that the requests set forth are reasonable and not against the public interest or safety and that application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized and directed to protect the public crossings on the sections of its line set forth in this application, in the manner as recommended in the report of Service Inspector H. L. Engelhardt, above mentioned.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the "Method of showing identification numbers on railroad crossing sign posts at public crossings," as shown on Exhibit C.E.H. 9870, and the types of "private" crossing signs 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 No. 75 of

this Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that whenever "Traffic Signals" or "Boulevard Stop" signs are hereafter installed where the Standard No. 1 or No. 2 crossing signs are in place, the Standard No. 1 or No. 2 crossing signs may be eliminated and whenever "Boulevard Stop" signs or "Traffic Signals" are removed, appropriate crossing signs shall be installed.

The authority herein granted, shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this ¹⁵20 day of January, 1928.

C. Seaver

Thos. B. Lottis

M. J. Carr
Commissioners.