

Decision No. 17787

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE)
RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, for)
authority to remove crossing gates) APPLICATION NO. 17787
at Euclid Avenue crossing in the City)
of Ontario, County of Los Angeles,)
State of California, and to use in)
lieu thereof automatic flagmen.)

BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION AND ORDER

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company filed the above entitled application on November 17, 1931, requesting permission to abandon and remove the crossing gates installed for protection of the grade crossing of Euclid Avenue and its tracks in the City of Ontario (Crossing No. 2-101.0) and to substitute automatic flagmen in lieu thereof.

Euclid Avenue, in the City of Ontario, consists of two roadways, and the crossing of same with tracks of applicant is protected by manually operated crossing gates, operated between the hours of 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., and two motor driven Standard No. 3 wigwags.

If these crossing gates are removed, the present wigwags should be replaced with D.C. Magnetic Type and D.C. Control, and the track circuits so arranged that the wigwags will continue to operate until the rear of the train has cleared both roadways of Euclid Avenue. Inasmuch as a certain amount of switching is done in the immediate vicinity of the crossing, time element relays should be installed so as to prevent the wigwags from ringing unduly long periods of time. The wigwag located for the protection of the westerly roadway should be relocated to the northerly side of the crossing.

The City Council of the City of Ontario, on October 19, 1931, signified that it was not opposed to the removal of said crossing gates and the substitution of automatic flagmen in lieu thereof.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein; that applicant's request is reasonable, and that the application should be granted subject to certain conditions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is hereby authorized to abandon and remove the manually operated crossing gates installed at the grade crossing of Euclid Avenue and its tracks, in the City of Ontario, County of San Bernardino (Crossing No. 2-101.0), subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to the abandonment of said crossing gates, applicant shall submit to the Commission for its approval, a plan of protection incorporating the various features outlined in the opinion of this order.
- (2) Upon the completion of the installation of the new protection, and prior to the removal of the crossing gates, a 48-hour performance record shall be prepared for the Commission's approval.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the abandonment of said crossing gates and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void, if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.
- (5) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders, relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossing, as to it may seem right and proper, and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of December, 1931.

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Commissioners.