

Decision No. 24538

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Electric Railway Company for authority to remove crossing gate and derail at crossing over tracks of applicant and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company on Pacific Electric Railway Company's La Habra Line near Rose Avenue in the County of Orange, California. ORIGINAL

Application No. 17966.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Pacific Electric Railway Company has filed with the Railroad Commission the above numbered application requesting authority to remove crossing gate and derails located at the crossing of the track of applicant and track of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company on applicant's La Habra line of railroad near Rose Avenue between La Habra and Stern in the County of Orange, State of California.

Investigation by the Commission's Safety Division discloses that operation over this crossing by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is limited to one freight train in each direction per day, except Sunday, and operation by applicant, Pacific Electric Railway Company, is limited to two one-car passenger trains and one freight train in each direction per day, except Sunday, and one one-car passenger

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train in each direction on Sunday.

The crossing is located so as to afford an open view of one-half mile or more in each direction of operation on opposing line of railroad.

The gate it is proposed to remove is a metal frame located on a switch stand adjacent to the crossing, to which is suspended a metal sign 12 inches by 18 inches, painted red, the normal position being over Pacific Electric track but arranged so it can be moved by hand to a position over The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Company track to protect the movement of Pacific Electric trains over the crossing.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company requires all engines and trains to reduce speed approaching this crossing and stop unless the crossing is seen to be clear and the file shows this company has advised by letter that it has no objection to the granting of this application.

It appears to the Commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that authority be and it is hereby granted to applicant, Pacific Electric Railway Company, to remove hand operated gate and derails located at the crossing of that company's track and the track of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company near Rose Avenue in Orange County, California, and more definitely shown on blue print map marked C.E.H. 13552 attached to and made a part of the application.

All locomotives, motors and trains of applicant, Pacific Electric Railway Company, shall come to a full and complete stop and a member of the train crow ascertain that no train is

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approaching the crossing on opposing line of railroad before moving over said crossing.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29% day of February, 1932.

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