

Decision No. 25494.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of application of
NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
for permission to abolish human flag-
man at the grade crossing in Ross,
California, where Lagunitas Road
crosses the tracks of applicant.

Application No. 18284.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O R D E R

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, on July 19, 1932, applied for authority to abolish the human flagmen at the grade crossing of the tracks of its double track line over Lagunitas Road (Crossing No. 5C-15.6) in the City of Ross, County of Marin, California.

A field investigation was conducted in this matter attended by representatives of applicant, the City of Ross and the Commission. After a review of the situation it was the conclusion of this committee that reasonable protection could be provided at this crossing if applicant would relocate the existing Standard No. 3 wigwag from the northeast corner of the crossing to the southeast corner and also install a Standard No. 4 wigwag in the center of Lagunitas Road west of the tracks and if the city would prohibit parking along the north curb of Lagunitas Road west of the tracks and also extend the sidewalk on the south side of Lagunitas Road east of the tracks.

Both applicant and the city have officially signified in writing that they are agreeable to the installation of

protection as outlined above in lieu of the human flagman protection. The city further signified, if found necessary, the illumination at the crossing would be improved.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary in this matter and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission be and it is hereby granted to Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company to remove the human flagman from the grade crossing of the double track line over Lagunitas Road (Crossing No. 5C-15.6) in the City of Ross, County of Marin, California, subject, however, to the carrying out of the following conditions and not before:

- (1) Applicant shall, at its sole expense, move the existing Standard No. 3 wigwag signal from the northeast corner of the crossing to the southeast corner of the crossing with the banner set as low as practicable over the sidewalk.
- (2) Applicant shall install and maintain at its sole expense one Standard No. 4 wigwag, as specified in our General Order No. 75A, in the center of Lagunitas Road and approximately fifteen (15) feet west of the tracks.
- (3) The City of Ross, by proper resolution or ordinance, shall prohibit parking along the ~~east~~ ^{north} curb of Lagunitas Road for a reasonable distance west of the tracks of applicant. 119m
- (4) The City of Ross, at its sole expense, shall extend the sidewalk and curb at the southeast corner of the crossing so as to protect the Standard No. 3 wigwag in its new location.
- (5) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the removal of said human flagman and of the compliance with the conditions hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day
of December, 1932.

CC Sweeney
Leon Whittell
W. A. Cunn
W. B. Lewis
Fred G. Stewart
Commissioners.