BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for permission to construct a connecting track at grade across the southerly half of "J" Street and across a connecting track of Southern Pacific Railroad Company in the City of Colton, San Bernardino County, California.

Application No. 2332.

Decision No. 342

Frank Karr for applicant

Geo. D. Squires for Southern Pacific Railroad Company GORDON, Commissioner,

OPINION.

In this application filed with the Commission on June 7, 1916, and a hearing on which was held June 12th, the applicant seeks permission to construct a connecting track across a portion of "J" Street and across a connecting track of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at a point near the intersection of "J" Street with Ninth Street, in the City of Colton, San Bernardino County.

Applicant has secured permission from the City of Colton to cross "J" Street in an ordinance dated March 21, 1916, and has secured permission to cross the track of Southern Pacific Railroad Company in an agreement dated April 29, 1913, which was modified by supplemental agreements of February 1, 1914, and May 11, 1915. Copies of the ordinance and agreements accompanied the application.

There appears to be no reason why this application should not be granted. The conditions upon which the street crossing is to be made should be those usually imposed and as the tracks of both the Pacific Electric and Southern Pacific Companies, which are involved in this application, are used for freight purposes only and are located within yard limits and cross public streets close to their intersection where the view is comparatively open, I believe that ample protection will be afforded if Pacific Electric cars are required to stop before passing over the crossing

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and Southern Pacific trains are limited to a speed of eight miles per hour.

I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, having applied to the Commission for permission to construct a connecting track at grade across the southerly half of "J" Street and across a connecting track of Southern Pacific Railroad Company, in the City of Colton, San Bernardino County, California,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED. That permission be and the same hereby is granted Pacific Electric Railway Company to construct its connecting track at grade across the southerly half of "J" Street and across a connecting track of Southern Pacific Railroad Company at the point and in the manner shown on the map attached to the application; said crossings to be constructed subject to the following conditions, viz.:-

(1) The entire expense of constructing these crossings shall be borne by applicant.

(2) The crossing of "J" Street shall be of a width and type of construction to conform to the portions of "J" Street adjacent to the crossing, with grades of approach not exceeding four per cent.

(3) The crossingsshall be protected by a suitable crossing sign and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(4) The expense of maintaining said crossings in good and first-class condition shall be borne by applicant.

(5) After the installation of the crossing frogs with the connecting track of Southern Pacific Railroad Company all engines, trains, motors and cars of applicant shall, before proceeding over same, come to a full stop and shall not cross the track until it has been ascertained that it is safe to do so.

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(6) All engines, trains, motors and cars of Southern Pacific Railroad Company shall approach this crossing at a speed not greater than eight (8) miles per hour and shall not proceed over same until it has been ascertained that it is safe to do so.

(7) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossings as to it may seem right and proper and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

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Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>Joth</u> day of June, 1916.

Commissioners.

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