Decision No. 27928

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY,) a corporation, for exemption from) General Order No. 75-A for wigwags) at State Street crossing over the) Long Beach Line.

Application No. 19923

BY THE COMMISSION.

In this application, Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks exemption from the requirements of Section VI(e) of the Commission's General Order No. 75-A, at the grade crossing of State Street (State Highway Route No. 60) with applicant's Long Beach Line at American Avenue in the City of Long Beach (Crossing No. 6L-18.57). The crossing involved is not a new one, but is being widened and improved under the provisions of the Commission's General Order No. 88. Authority for this improvement was granted by the Commission in its letter to Mr. C. H. Purcell, State Highway Engineer, dated September 27, 1934. Applicant and the State Highway Commission have agreed upon the installation of two wigwag flashing light signals of a type as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

Rail traffic on this line consists entirely of passenger movements and usually the trains do not exceed three cars in length. Electroliers at the corners of the intersection provide adequate illumination at the crossing.

Compliance with Section VI(e) of General Order No. 75-A would require the construction of track circuits and would add a substantial amount to the cost of the improvement. It appears that a public hearing is not necessary and that the exemption sought should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Bailway Company is hereby exempted from compliance with the provisions of Section VI(e) of the Commission's General Order No. 75-A, at the grade crossing of State Street (State Highway Route No. 60) with applicant's Long Beach Line (Crossing No. 6L-18.57) in the City of Long Beach, subject, however, to the following condition:

(1) 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>29</u><u>th</u> day of <u>Monif</u>, 1935. <u>Leon Cuble</u>

Commissioners.