

Decision No. 22006.

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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 Overland Avenue and unnamed
street near Fox Hills Studio.

Application No. 21213

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The City of Los Angeles proposes to open Overland Avenue over the Santa Monica via Sawtelle line of the Pacific Electric Railway Company at grade, and an additional crossing at grade over these same tracks between the two roadways of Santa Monica Boulevard at a point about three hundred (300) feet west of Heath Avenue. In connection with this improvement, the plans call for the installation at each location of two automatic signals corresponding to Standard No. 4 (side of street installation) of the Commission's General Order No. 75-A.

Train operation is the same at both crossings and during a twenty-four (24) hour period consists of one hundred eighty-three (183) passenger trains, twelve (12) freight trains with an average of eight (8) cars per train, six (6) express cars and six (6) R. P. O. cars.

Compliance with Section VI (e) of General Order No. 75-A would require the construction of track circuits, thereby adding a substantial amount to the cost of the proposed improvement. Section XI of General Order No. 75-A provides that the Commission will grant exceptions to the requirements of the General Order, if in any particular case conditions justify such action.

In lieu of the construction of the necessary track circuits, the Commission is agreeable to the plan of trolley contact controlled wigwags, provided train movements are adequately illuminated at night so that they will be visible to the driver of the vehicle on the highway at a reasonable distance on either side of the track.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway 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 Overland Avenue (Crossing No. 6S-12.31) and of an unnamed crossing, approximately three hundred feet (300) west of Heath Avenue, identified as Crossing No. 6S-10.98, both on applicant's Santa Monica via Sawtelle line in the City of Los Angeles, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) All trains, engines, motors and cars, passing over or occupying Crossing No. 6S-12.31 or Crossing No. 6S-10.98, shall be illuminated at night so as to be visible to the driver of a vehicle on the highway for a reasonable distance on each side of the track. The plan for the proposed scheme of illumination at each of these locations shall be filed with the Commission within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.
- (2) Upon the completion of Crossing No. 6S-10.98, and upon its being opened to public use and travel, the existing crossing identified as crossing No. 6S-11.17 shall be abandoned and effectively closed to public use and travel.
- (3) Applicant shall within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission in writing, of the completion of installation of said trolley contact controlled automatic wigwag signals, 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of June, 1937.

Robert M. Lee
Leon A. White
Frank R. Weller
Paul Swaback
W. L. Riley
COMMISSIONERS