

Decision No. 32475 .

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY
for exemption from General Order No.
75-A, Section VI, subdivision (d),
as to wigwags at Eastern Avenue and
Huntington Drive on its Pasadena
Short Line, in the City of Los Angeles.)

Application No. 22722.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

In this proceeding, Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks exemption from the requirements of Section VI(d) of the Commission's General Order No. 75-A (Now General Order No. 75-B) at the grade crossing of Eastern Avenue over its Pasadena Short Line in the City of Los Angeles (Crossing No. 6P-6.15). Traffic signals fully synchronized with rail movements are in existence at this location at the present time, as well as two of the Commission's Standard No. 4 wigwags (center of the street type). It is the plan of the City of Los Angeles to coordinate the wigwags at this location with the traffic signals so that these wigwags will be inoperative when traffic signals on Huntington Drive paralleling the railway are in the "stop" position. Under this revised plan approaching trains entering the circuit when traffic signals on Huntington Drive indicate "go" will hold the signals at "go" until the car making the trolley contact has left the crossing. On the other hand, a train approaching the crossing with a "stop" indication for Huntington Drive and railway traffic must proceed slowly and not enter the intersection until the traffic signal cycle has been completed and a proceed indication

is received. Under this plan of operation there may be times when the wigwag signals would not display the warning aspect for the time in advance of cars or trains over the crossing, as provided for in Section VI(d) of General Order No. 75-A (75-B). Such a plan should materially better conditions at this important intersection.

It appears that a public hearing is not necessary herein 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(d) of the Commission's General Order No. 75-A (75-B) at the grade crossing of Eastern Avenue with applicant's Pasadena Short Line (Crossing No. 6P-6.15) in the City of Los Angeles, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall within thirty days thereafter notify this Commission in writing of the change in method of operation of the signals as authorized herein.
- (2) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.
- (3) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the protection of said crossing as to it may seem right and proper, and to revoke its permission if in its judgment public convenience, necessity and safety demand such action.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of October, 1939.

Raymond W. Brown
Frank D. Brown
Ray L. Rice
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Justice J. Cameron
Commissioners.