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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE CITY OF VALLEJO, a Municipal Corporation,	Complainant,))	ORIGINAL
VS. SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, a Corporation,)	Case No. 4532.
)	
	Defendant.)	

Thomas J. Horan, City Attorney, for the City of Vallejo, Complainant.

R. S. Myers, Attorney, for the Southern Pacific Company, Defendant.

WAKEFIELD, COMMISSIONER:

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This proceeding originated by a complaint filed by the City of Vallejo on June 5, 1940, against Southern Pacific Company asking that that company be ordered to install an automatic warning device at the grade crossing of Tennessee Street with the defendant's Vallejo Branch. A copy of the complaint was served on Southern Pacific Company, and that company filed its answer on June 21, 1940, requesting that the complaint be dismissed or in the event the Commission considered such protection desirable, it require the City of Vallejo to bear the cost thereof. The matter was set for hearing and such hearing was held in Vallejo on August 7, 1940.

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At this hearing representatives of the City of Vallejo stated that the City was willing to bear one-half the cost of the installation of automatic crossing protection at the crossing and filed Resolution No. 25790 of the City Council to this effect and authorizing the City Attorney to so stipulate. Southern Pacific Company also stipulated that it was agreeable to bearing one-half the cost of installation.

Tennessee Street is an important thoroughfare in the City of Vallejo connecting a residential district east of the railroad with the business district and the Mare Island Navy Yard and is also an outlet from the City of Vallejo to the main State highway leading to Sacramento. In addition, it is a connecting link between this highway and the Sears Point Highway. As such it attracts considerable vehicular travel and the crossing with the railroad track has been the scene of several accidents in the past few years. A speed restriction of five miles an hour for trains is now in effect. Special protection at this crossing is desirable and should be required. The division of cost proposed by the parties appears to be equitable.

The following form of order is recommended.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding, the Commission having been apprised of the facts, the matter being under submission and now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company, defendant herein, be and it is hereby directed to protect the crossing of Tennessee Street with its Vallejo Branch in the City

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of Vallejo, Crossing No. AA-32.0, by installing within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the effective date of this order two flashing light signals conforming with Standard No. 8 of the Commission's General Order No. 75-B.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and the City of Vallejo shall each bear one-half the cost of providing such protection, and that the future maintenance of the signals shall be borne by the Southern Pacific Company.

Coincident with the placing in service of the signals as required by this order, Southern Pacific Company may remove the speed restriction on its trains now in effect.

For all other purposes, the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this $\frac{134}{2}$ day of August, 1940.

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