

Decision No. 32786

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of )  
Pacific Electric Railway Company for )  
installation of "exemption signs" at )  
various railroad spur tracks in )  
Southern California where motor ve- )  
hicles carrying passengers for hire )  
need not stop in accordance with )  
Section No. 576(d) of the California )  
Vehicle Code, and General Orders No. )  
89 and 93 of the Railroad Commission )  
of the State of California. )

Application No. 23654.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

In the above numbered application Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks the Commission's authority to display distinctive "exempt signs" at certain spur track crossings at grade with public highways and streets in the State of California at locations more particularly described in the application. Seventeen of the above locations involve tracks of the applicant and three involve tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. The latter company has signified in writing that it will not oppose the request because each of its three crossings is now flagged by a crew member.

An inspection at each location has been made by a representative of the Commission's Engineering Division, and it appears that with respect to the crossings listed in Exhibit "A," attached hereto, applicant should be authorized to establish and maintain "exempt signs" as switching movements are infrequent and other hazards reasonably remote.

With reference to the remainder of the crossings, listed in Exhibit "B," it appears that such authority should be withheld, due to traffic complications, possible confusion with an adjacent main line track and, in one case, the track cannot be properly considered as a spur track.

Good Cause Appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that approval is hereby granted for the display of distinctive "exempt signs" (Vehicle Code Section 576 (d); G.O. No. 89), at those spur track crossings more particularly described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Such signs shall comply with General Order No. 89 and shall be erected and maintained by the proper authorities. If any sign is removed, or the view thereof obstructed, vehicles carrying passengers for hire must come to a full and complete stop before passing over the crossing. Within thirty days after the erection of such signs, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This approval does not exempt any vehicle operator from the observance of any provision of the Vehicle Code and shall become void if signs are not displayed within one year, unless time be extended, or if above conditions are not complied with. Approval may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the application, in so far as it relates to the locations shown on Exhibit "B," attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and it is hereby denied.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Dated at San Francisco, January 3, 1944.

Ray L. Riley

[Signature]

Justus F. Casner  
Commissioners

EXHIBIT "A"

List of crossings between spur tracks and public highways where the Commission has given its approval to erect and maintain "Exempt Signs" in accordance with the provisions of Vehicle Code Section 576(d) and General Order No. 89:

Item	Crossing Number	Railroad	Jurisdiction of Highway	Location
1	6K-27.73-C	P. E. Ry. Co.	State (Rt.#9)	Brand Bl. at Hollister, San Fernando.
2	6K-26.24-C	"	State (Rt.#9)	Sepulveda Bl. at San Fernando Mission.
3	6K-25.90-C	"	State (Rt.#158)	Sepulveda Bl. near Chatsworth St.
4	6K-20.69-C	"	City of L.A.	Van Nuys Bl. near Wyandotte St.
5	6KA-28.95-C	"	City of L.A.	Sherman Way near Eton Ave.
6	6KA-25.40-C	"	City of L.A.	Sherman Way near Canby Ave.
7	6KA-23.26-C	"	City of L.A.	Sherman Way near Forbes Ave.
9	6A-16.58-C	"	State (Rt.#162)	Santa Monica Bl. near 24th St., Santa Monica
11*	6E-31.21-C	"	State (Rt.#60)	Ocean Ave., near 23rd St. Huntington Beach
12	6E-32.59-C	"	State (Rt. #60)	Ocean Ave. Spur to La Bolsa.
13	6E-38.13-C	"	Newport Beach	Central Ave. near 17th St.
16	6T-34.25-C	"	Upland	Arrow Highway at Benson Ave.
18	2-142.33-C	A.T.& S.F.Ry.	City of L.A.	East 6th St. near Mateo St.
19	2-100.5-C	"	Upland	San Bernardino Rd.
20	2N-43.9-C	"	State (Rt.#43)	Santa Ana Canyon Rd near Main St., Olive.

\* Bus stop "exempt sign" installation authorized by Decision No. 24643, Signs are in place.

EXHIBIT "B"

List of crossings between spur tracks and public highways where the Commission has denied its approval to erect and maintain "Exempt Signs" in accordance with the provisions of Vehicle Code Section 576(d) and General Order No. 89:

Item	Crossing Number	Railroad	Jurisdiction of Highway	Location
8	6AA-14.80	P. E. Ry. Co.	State (Rt.#162)	Santa Monica Bl. at Sepulveda Bl.
10	6F-9.24-C	"	Culver City	Culver Bl. near Main St.
14	6CA-16.43-C	"	State (Rt.#2)	Whittier Bl., Whittier
15	6C-24.81	"	State (Rt.#19)	Pomona Ave., Brea
17	6NA-3.40	"	City of Orange	Maple Ave.