

Decision No. 23855.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY)	
for authority to change crossing)	Application
protection and for exemption from)	No. 23855.
General Order 75-b at Ocean Avenue)	
crossing on the Santa Ana Line.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Pacific Electric Railway Company, on December 23, 1940,

applied for authority:

- (a) To replace existing Standard No. 3 wigwag and Standard No. 1 crossing sign with two Standard No. 8 flasher light type crossing signals at Ocean Avenue over applicant's Santa Ana Line (Crossing No. 6N-28.41);
- (b) To install time element relay in circuit whereby crossing signals, having been started by an outbound movement, will cease operating after train has stopped at station a predetermined time, then resume operation upon train leaving station;
- (c) For exemption from Section VI (d) of General Order No. 75-B at this location, to provide for a shorter advance warning which may result from installation as proposed under (b).

The change in types of signals requested in (a) appears to be in the interest of safety but a consideration of topographical features at this location, together with operating characteristics of equipment, indicate a material shortening, under proposal (b), of the prescribed 20-30 second period with maximum acceleration.

It appears that the number and time of false warning indications is not of sufficient moment to incur the risk of shortening the warning interval to such an extent as herein requested. It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should in part be granted, subject

to certain conditions, and in part denied, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company is hereby authorized to install two Standard No. 8 flasher light type crossing signals at Crossing No. 6N-28.41 at locations more specifically shown in the application, and to remove existing Standard No. 1 crossing sign and Standard No. 3 wigwag (General Order No. 75-B); and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that those portions of the application concerning installation of time element relay and exemption from Section VI (d) of General Order No. 75-B are hereby denied without prejudice.

Within thirty (30) days after completion, pursuant to this Order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This authorization shall become void if not exercised within one year, unless time be extended, or if above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require. This Order shall be effective immediately.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of April, 1941.

[Signature]

Justus F. Cullen
Frank R. Harenes