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Decision No. 35069

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the City of El Segundo, California, for permission to construct a public highway over the right of way of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway at Douglas Avenue, within said city.

Application No. 24474.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The City of El Segundo, on January 15, 1942, petitioned the Cormission to modify Decision No. 34710, dated October 28, 1941, in this proceeding, by striking therefrom the following clause:

"Protection shall be by two Standard No. 3 wigwag signals (G.O. 75-B."

Certain reasons are advanced in the petition for the request, the principal one being that the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, the employees of which would be the chief users of the crossing, has expressed a willingness to furnish men to protect the traffic during periods when employees are going to or coming from their work.

While the above plan in all probability would provide adequate protection during certain periods of the day, the fact remains that during the remainder of the time no protection would be provided except by fixed signs, and observation leads to the conclusion that there would be substantial numbers of persons using the crossing besides employees of the plant. Further than this, the cost of the substitute method of protection over a period of time would be substantially greater and less reliable than the automatic signals as specified in the Commission's decision.

Careful consideration of all the facts leads to the conclusion that the automatic protection specified in the original order in this proceeding should be installed in the interests of safety and that the petition for modification should be denied.

Good Cause Appearing. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition of the City of El Segundo, requesting modification of Decision No. 34710, dated October 28, 1941, by striking therefrom the clause requiring the installation of automatic signals, be and the same is hereby denied.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24 day of February, 1942.

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