BEFORE THE RAILROAD CONVISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Pacific Electric )
Railway Company, a corporation, for authority to re- )
locate its tracks in Whittier and in the County of )
Los Angeles adjacent thereto, and, in connection )
therewith, to construct a track at grade across )
Magnolia Avenue in Whittier, and to electrify and )
operate certain tracks to be acquired from the South-)
ern Pacific Company in said City of Whittier, County )
of Los Angeles.

Application No. 25049.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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## OPINION

By this application Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks the Commission's authority to (1) relocate its tracks in and near the City of Whittier, Los Angeles County; (2) to construct a crossing at grade of its track over Magnolia Avenue in said city; (3) to electrify and operate certain industrial and other trackage formerly operated by Southern Pacific Company; (4) for exemption from Section VI(d) of General Order No. 75-B at the crossing of Whittier Boulevard (Southern Pacific Crossing No. BL-503.0, suggested Pacific Electric Crossing No. 6CA-16.72), and the crossing of Philadelphia Street (Southern Pacific Crossing No. BL-503.1, suggested Pacific Electric Crossing No. 6CA-16.78); and, (5) to abandon certain trackage in connection with its track relocation, without limitation as to the time for removal of the same.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, on May 23, 1942, in Finance Docket No. 13688, has authorized Southern Pacific Company to abandon its so-called Whittier Branch between Studebaker and Whittier. Several industries in and in the vicinity of Whittier were served by Southern Pacific Company, and it is applicant's intention to electrify certain portions of Southern Pacific Company's line, so as to enable it to supply this service. Southern Pacific Company is being urged by the United States Army to promptly remove the track material from its Whittier Branch in order that it may be available for use in the construction of necessary trackage to army cantonments and defense industries.

It does not appear that the proposed changes involved herein will in any way be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary and the application will be granted. ORDER IT IS ORDERED that applicant is hereby authorized: I. To construct its track across Magnolia Avenue at the location described in the application, to be identified as Crossing No. 6CA-16.51. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72, without superelevation and of a width to conform to the portion of the street now graded, with tops of rails flush with roadway and with grades of approach not exceeding five per cent. Protection shall be by two Standard No. 3 wigwags (General Order No. 75-B). II. To construct overhead on and operate the existing Southern Pacific track substantially in accordance with the proposal contained in Section VII of the application. III. To re-identify Crossing No. 6CA-16.43-C as Crossing No. 6CA-16.43 and install two Standard No. 3 automatic signals (General Order No. 75-B), at this location. IV. To re-identify the Southern Pacific crossing of Hadley Street (Crossing No. BL-503.3) as Crossing No. 6CA-16.83-C. V. To install two Standard No. 3 wigwag signals (General Order No. 75-B) at the Philadelphia Street crossing with the tracks formerly operated by Southern Pacific Company, and re-identify the crossing as No. 6CA-16.68 instead of Crossing No. BL-503.1. VI. To re-identify the Southern Pacific crossing of Whittier Boulevard (Crossing No. BL-503.0) as Crossing No. 6CA-16.72. VII. To re-identify the Southern Pacific crossing of Penn Street (Crossing No. BL-503.2-C) as Crossing No. 6CA-16.96-C. VIII. To deviate from the provisions of Section VI (d) of General Order No. 75-B, as far as the signals at Crossings Nos. 6CA-16.68 and 6CA-16.72 are concerned, provided all trains

approaching such crossings are restricted to a speed of not to exceed ten miles per hour, and further provided that all trains shall be stopped before entering Whittier Boulevard from the south and before entering Philadelphia Street from the north, and also that trains on the spur track in Whittier Boulevard will be stopped approaching Philadelphia Street from the south.

IX. To discontinue rail operation on that trackage shown in yellow on the map (C.E.H. 16894), attached to the application. The removal of this trackage shall be accomplished at such time as necessary arrangements therefor shall be completed with the Division of Highways of the Department of Public Works of the State of California and with the City of Whittier.

This entire Order is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission in writing of the effectuation of the changes authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (2) Except for the removal of the trackage authorized by ordering paragraph IX herein, the authorization herein granted shall hapse and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1942.

Commissioners.