

Decision No. 33501

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 and industrial tracks in Southern California where motor vehicles 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. 24781.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

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In the above numbered application Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks the Commission's authority for the installation of "exempt signs" at certain of its spur and industrial track crossings in the City of Alhambra, County of Los Angeles. The crossings involved are identified as Nos. 6D-7.56, 6D-8.19-C and 6DB-8.31-C.

Pursuant to the authority previously granted by the Commission, applicant has substituted motor coach service for the rail service formerly operated between Los Angeles and the Alhambra area. Because of this substitution, the tracks involved do not handle any substantial volume of rail movements (one freight train and two box motor movements in each direction daily). In so far as Crossings Nos. 6D-8.19-C and 6DB-8.31-C are concerned, it appears that more hazard exists by reason of stopping applicant's motor coaches, through possibility of rear-end collisions, than would be the case if the exemption sought were granted. The exemption sought at these two locations will therefore be granted.

As to Crossing No. 6D-7.56, a boulevard stop sign located immediately north of the tracks requires all vehicular traffic to stop prior to crossing and any exemption granted by this Commission would appear to be meaningless; therefore, this portion of the application will be denied.

This does not appear to be a matter in which a public hearing is necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that approval is hereby granted for the display of distinctive "exempt signs" (Vehicle Code, Sec.576(d); General Order No. 89), at the following spur track crossings over Pacific Electric Railway Company's Alhambra rail line - Crossing No. 6D-8.19-C and Crossing No. 6DB-8.31-C. 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 said crossings.

Within thirty days after erection of said signs, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This approval does not exempt any vehicle operator from the observation of any portion 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 authority sought for the installation of "exempt signs" at Crossing No. 6D-7.56 be and the same is hereby denied.

This order shall be effective immediately.

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

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Commissioners.