

Decision No. 37266

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe
 Railway Company, a corporation, for
 authority to construct, maintain and
 operate at grade certain trackage in
 and across Wood Street and in and
 along Beach and Wood Streets; also
 to construct, maintain and operate
 at grade certain trackage across
 Joint Track 105 of applicant and
 Southern Pacific Company, and across
 Track 117 of Southern Pacific Company,
 all in the City of Oakland, County of
 Alameda, State of California.

Application No. 25777

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BY THE COMMISSION:

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Applicant has requested that the Commission amend Condition (3) of the order in Decision No. 36732 so as to permit of one stop in lieu of two stops required by Condition (3) before proceeding over the authorized crossings which are closely adjacent to one another.

The applicant states that experience had since Decision No. 36732 became effective has demonstrated that separate stops at each crossing slow down switching operations, and it is felt that greater operating efficiency can be obtained without impairing the safety factor, if trains are stopped not less than 10 feet or more than 50 feet before fouling the point of the first crossing approached, and do not proceed until the proper signal is given by a member of the crew.

Operations as presently conducted at the location of the crossings have been surveyed by members of the Safety Division. A conference on the ground has been held with the representatives of the three carriers concerned, and the amendment requested has been agreed to by representatives of the Oakland Terminal Railway and the Southern Pacific Company.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein; and that the request of the applicant should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Condition (3) of the order in Decision No. 36732 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (3) In the use of crossings "A" and "B" delineated on Exhibit "C" all engines, cars or trains of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, the Oakland Terminal Railway and the Southern Pacific Company, in either direction, will come to a stop not less than ten feet (10'), nor more than fifty feet (50') from the nearest rail of the first crossing approached or the nearest connecting rails of its adjacent tracks, and will not proceed thereafter until receiving an appropriate signal from a flagman or other qualified employee. Such signal shall not be given until it has been definitely ascertained that no engines, cars, or trains are approaching from either direction on the conflicting routes under conditions which will render it possible for an interference to occur with the movement about to be made over the crossings. In the event of simultaneous stops being made by movements on the conflicting routes, the engines, cars, or trains of the Southern Pacific Company shall take precedence in the use of the crossings.

This order shall become effective immediately.

Dated at San Francisco California, this 8th day of

August, 1944.

Richard Kach
Justus F. Green
Frank R. Havener
Frank W. Carr
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COMMISSIONERS