

Decision No. 32506

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Los Angeles Junction Railway )  
Company, a corporation, and The )  
United States of America, for )  
authority to construct, maintain )  
and operate two railroad cross- )  
ings and an interlocking plant )  
at Vernon, in the County of Los )  
Angeles, State of California. )

Application No. 26446

**ORIGINAL**

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Los Angeles Junction Railway Company and The United States of America on November 13, 1944, applied for authority to construct, maintain, and operate two railroad crossings at grade and an interlocking plant at Vernon, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Due to the war emergency the crossings for which the applicants herein seek authorization have heretofore been constructed by the War Department. No interlocking facilities have as yet been provided for the protection of train movements over the crossings.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein; that it is neither reasonable nor practicable at this time to provide a grade separation or to avoid grade crossings at the points mentioned; and that the application should be granted, subject to certain conditions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Los Angeles Junction Railway Company and The United States of America are hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate two rail crossings at grade at Vernon, County of Los Angeles, State of California, at the locations more particularly described in the application and as shown on map and profile No. 379-H-20 attached thereto and made a part thereof, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The entire expense of constructing and thereafter maintaining the crossings in good and first-class condition for safe and convenient railway use, the method of operation, and the allocation of other expenses which may be incurred in connection with the use of the crossings shall be agreed to in writing between the applicants and a certified copy of such agreement shall be filed with the Commission within six months after the date of this order.
- (2) Movements over said crossings shall be protected by a second-class interlocking plant, installed in conformity with the provisions of the Commission's General Order No. 33-B and in accordance with the plans and specifications shown on Drawing No. 1026/93, submitted with the application herein and hereby approved by this Commission.
- (3) Until the second-class interlocker herein authorized is placed in service all engines, cars, or trains approaching the crossings upon Track No. 25 of The United States of America shall 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, and shall 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. All engines, cars, or trains on the tracks of the Los Angeles Junction Railway Company and Track No. 1 of The United States of America shall approach the crossings at a speed from which a stop can be made before fouling the crossing approached in the event that the crossing is occupied or about to be occupied by an engine, car, or train on the conflicting route. The engines, cars, or trains on the tracks of the Los Angeles Junction Railway Company and on Track No. 1 of The United States of America shall take precedence in the use of the crossing approached.

- (4) Operating bulletins issued by the appropriate authority of The United States of America and the Los Angeles Junction Railway Company, governing the use of the rail crossings herein authorized under Condition (3) herein, shall be filed with the Commission as soon as consistently possible.

Within thirty days after completion of the semi interlocking plant pursuant to this order, the Commission shall be so advised in writing and the facilities involved in the installation thereof will be subject to final inspection and approval. This authorization shall become void if not exercised within one year unless time be extended, or if its conditions are not complied with. This 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1944.

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COMMISSIONERS