

ORIGINALDecision No. 52862

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, a)
corporation, and PACIFIC ELECTRIC)
RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation,)
for authority to construct cross-) Application No. 37527
ings of Neptune Avenue, Fries)
Avenue, Water Street, Front Street,)
and Wilmington-San Pedro Road, in)
the Los Angeles Harbor Area.)

OPINION AND ORDER

The Harbor Department of the City of Los Angeles, to comply with an order of the Army Department for removal of the West Basin Drawbridge ⁽¹⁾ at Los Angeles Harbor, has jointly negotiated with the railroads involved to so rearrange trackage facilities that service to the affected portion of the harbor area may be continued.

By the above-numbered application Southern Pacific Company and Pacific Electric Railway Company seek authority to construct such grade crossings as will be required to accomplish the above objective.

Good cause appearing, Southern Pacific Company is authorized to construct one wye track at grade across Water Street, to be identified as a portion of Crossing No. BG-503.6-C, and one wye track at grade across Fries Avenue, to be identified as

(1) The drawbridge is owned by Southern Pacific Company and forms a part of its San Pedro Branch between Los Angeles and San Pedro. Trackage on this drawbridge has been jointly operated with Pacific Electric Railway Company on the latter company's San Pedro Main Line.

Crossing No. BG-503.45-C, in the harbor area under the jurisdiction of The Harbor Department of the City of Los Angeles, at the locations described in the application, to serve as track connections to Pacific Electric Railway Company's San Pedro Main Line. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72, without superlevation and of widths to conform to the portions of the streets now graded, with tops of rails flush with roadway and with grades of approach not greater than one per cent. Protection at Crossing No. BG-503.6-C shall be by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs, reflectorized with reflex reflecting sheet material, and at Crossing No. BG-503.45-C by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B).

Pacific Electric Railway Company is authorized to construct three tracks at grade, consisting of one connecting track to Southern Pacific Company's San Pedro Branch, one ladder track to East Yard, and one main track, all across Neptune Avenue within the harbor district, at the locations described in the application, to be identified as Crossing No. 6M-20.48. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72, without superelevation and of widths to conform to the portions of street now graded, with tops of rails flush with roadway and grades of approach not greater than one per cent. Protection shall be by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B). Upon installation of the above trackage pursuant to this order, Crossing No. 6M-20.63-C shall be abandoned, the two spur tracks removed, and pavement restored.

Pacific Electric Railway Company is also authorized to construct one connecting track across a portion of the intersection

of Front Street and Swinford Street (formerly Harbor Boulevard) and to remove and rearrange certain other trackage at this location (Crossing No. 6RC-23.66) as described in the application and as shown on print attached thereto. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Protection shall consist of one Standard No. 1 crossing sign, reflectorized with reflex reflecting sheet material, and existing Standard No. 3 wigwag (General Order No. 75-B).

Pacific Electric Railway Company is further authorized to construct a connecting track and to rearrange existing trackage across a portion of Wilmington-San Pedro Road, a slight distance westerly of Figueroa Street (Crossing No. 6MA-21.08), at the locations as described in the application. Wilmington-San Pedro Road is not improved at the point of crossing, and this authority shall not be construed as authorizing the opening of said street across the tracks.

Construction and maintenance expenses shall be borne in accordance with the agreement dated August 4, 1953, between The Harbor Department of the City of Los Angeles and the railroads involved herein, a copy of which is already filed with the Commission.

Within thirty days after completion or removal of crossings pursuant to this order, applicants shall so advise the Commission in writing. This authorization shall become void if not exercised within one year, unless time be extended, or if above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

Applicants desire to avoid curtailment of rail service to the Los Angeles harbor area and have requested that the usual 20-day clause be waived. For that reason, the effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of April, 1956.

Arthur E. Mitchell
President

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Commissioners