

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 53547

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California, )  
 Department of Public Works, for an order )  
 authorizing construction of three cross- )  
 ings at separated grades, alteration of )  
 an existing crossing at grade and the ) Application No. 38001  
 abandonment of two existing crossings at )  
 grade on the main line of the Southern )  
 Pacific Company, in connection with the )  
 improvement of State Route X-Mer-4-C, Atw, )  
 in Merced County, sometimes referred to )  
 as "Buhach Road Overcrossing", "East )  
 Atwater Overhead" and "West Atwater )  
 Overhead". )

O R D E R

The State of California, Department of Public Works is authorized to construct State Route X-Mer-4-C, Atw, (U.S. 99) at separated grades over the track of Southern Pacific Company, near Atwater, Merced County, at three locations as shown by Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. B-142.2-A, West Atwater Overhead, Crossing No. B-144.0-A, East Atwater Overhead, and Crossing No. B-145.1-A, Buhach Road Overhead. The aforesaid Department of Public Works also is authorized to reconstruct and alter Crossing No. B-141.5, Crane Road, at grade with said track as described in the application except that protection at the crossing shall be by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B).

Construction and maintenance expense shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto, and copy of said agreement, together with plans of said overhead crossings approved by Southern Pacific Company, shall be filed with the Commission within 180 days from the date hereof. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the cost of construction and maintenance by further order. Clearances shall conform to the provisions of General Order No. 26-D.

Upon completion Crossing No. B-145.1 (Buhach Road) and Crossing No. B-144.8 (Station Avenue) about 300 feet westerly and 1,300 feet westerly respectively of Buhach Road Overhead shall be abandoned and closed. Within thirty days after completion pursuant to this order applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This authorization shall become void if not exercised within two years unless time be extended or if conditions are not complied with. The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1956.

John E. Ditchell  
President

Justus J. Curren

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Commissioners