

Decision No. 56074**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
 THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY)
 for authority to discontinue the)
 services of crossing watchmen at)
 Crossing No. 4L-0.3, Division Street)
 near Ninth Street, in the City and)
 County of San Francisco, State of)
 California.)
 Application No. 38519

ORDER

In this application The Western Pacific Railroad Company requests authority to discontinue the protection provided by crossing watchmen at Division Street between Eighth and Ninth Streets (Crossing No. 4L-0.3) in the City and County of San Francisco. At present a crossing watchman is on duty from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. daily. The crossing is also protected by two Standard No. 1 signs (G.O. 75-B).

The applicant proposes to remove the above watchman protection and, instead, to protect vehicular traffic from train movements over the crossing by a member of the train crew or other competent employee acting as flagman.

An investigation has been made by a member of the Commission's engineering staff. The study by the engineering staff indicates that protection other than that afforded by train crews and wooden crossing signs should be installed when the crossing watchmen are removed.

It appears that a public hearing is unnecessary on this application; that the application should be granted subject to the installation of additional street lighting and the reflectorization of the crossing signs; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Western Pacific Railroad Company is authorized to discontinue the existing protection of the

crossing watchmen provided the following additional protective measures shall be accomplished at said crossing:

- (1) No train, motor, engine or car shall be operated over Crossing No. 4L-0.3 unless traffic on the street be protected by a member of the train crew or other competent employee acting as a flagman. Suitable signs shall be erected at Crossing No. 4L-0.3 calling attention of trainmen to the above restriction.
- (2) The existing Standard No. 1 signs shall be reflectorized with reflex-reflective sheet material.
- (3) Four additional street lights of not less than 10,000 lumens shall be installed.

Within thirty days after exercising authority granted herein, applicant shall notify the Commission of the discontinuance of the crossing watchmen and the placing into effect of the other requirements of this order. This authorization shall expire 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.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of January, 1952

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Commissioners