

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57837

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the CITY OF VALLEJO)
 in the State of California to)
 install automatic gates at the)
 grade crossing of Tennessee Street) Application No. 40314
 with the Southern Pacific Company)
 railroad tracks, Crossing No. AAB-67.0.)

Lohn R. Ficklin, for applicant.
H. S. Lentz and Randolph Karr, for Southern
 Pacific Company, protestant.
M. E. Getchel, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

By this application filed July 31, 1958, the City of Vallejo requests an order of this Commission requiring the installation of automatic gates at the grade crossing of Tennessee Street with the Southern Pacific Company tracks of its branch line railroad.

Public hearing was held before Examiner Rowe in Vallejo on November 18, 1958, at which time evidence both oral and documentary was adduced and the matter duly submitted for decision.

From the evidence of record the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the present Standard No. 8 flashing light signals, supplemented with the traffic lights visible from each side of the single line of tracks and pre-empted with the flashing light signals, constitute adequate protection and that the addition of gates would not materially increase the protection at this crossing.

With the exception that once each year one passenger train operates over the crossing in each direction, only four freight movements daily are involved. Most of these freight movements are made during the daylight hours and all are made at low speed. The speed limit at this point is fifteen miles per hour but the actual speed is seven or eight miles per hour.

Testimony indicated that the present signal circuits should be shortened to reduce "overringing" of the signals and that this work could be done for approximately \$500. The Southern Pacific Company will be expected to make arrangements for such work to be done.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held and the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that Application No. 40314 is denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of January, 1959.

E. Lynn Fox
President
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Commissioners