

Decision No. 55928**ORIGINAL**

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 a crossing  
 at separated grades, the construction of  
 a temporary detour crossing at grade and  
 the elimination of an existing crossing  
 at grade over the tracks of the Southern  
 Pacific Company in Stanislaus County, in  
 connection with the improvement of State  
 Highway Route X-Sta-4-B, sometimes re-  
 ferred to as "Hatch Road Overcrossing".

Application No. 39230

ORDER

The State of California, Department of Public Works, is authorized to construct Hatch Road at separated grades over the track of the Southern Pacific Company, near Modesto, Stanislaus County, at the location as shown by Exhibits A and B attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. B-115.4-A. Also, applicant is authorized to close the existing Hatch Road crossing at grade (No. B-115.4) and construct a temporary crossing at grade as indicated by said Exhibits A and B. Protection at the temporary crossing shall be by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals. Upon completion of the overpass (Crossing No. B-115.4-A) the temporary crossing shall be abandoned and closed to public use and travel.

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 crossing approved by the 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 26-D.

During the period of construction, applicant is authorized to create temporary vertical clearance of 22'0" above top of rail and Southern Pacific Company is authorized to operate with said clearance provided it issue appropriate bulletins to train crews advising them of the impaired clearance condition and forbidding them from riding on tops and sides of cars while operating beneath the structure.

Within thirty days after completion pursuant to this order applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This authorization shall expire 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1959.

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 President

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 Commissioners