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Decision No. <u>60604</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the County of Sacramento to improve a grade crossing of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Grand Avenue.

Application No. 41293

## <u>O P I N I O N</u>

This application was filed on July 9, 1959. A number of conferences were subsequently held by the Commission staff engineers with the interested parties in which agreement was reached on all matters involved at this crossing with the exception of the apportionment of cost of the improvements. After further extensive negotiations between the county and the railroad, in which they were unable to arrive at cost apportionment, the matter was set for hearing. Prior to such hearing, however, agreement was reached and the matter was removed from the calendar. On July 1, 1960, agreement was confirmed by the railroad in a letter, the county having previously confirmed. Therefore, no public hearing is necessary and the matter is ready for decision.

Crossing No. A-96.2, Grand Avenue across tracks of Southern Pacific Company, is approximately one mile south of McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento County. The railroad at this point operates over two main tracks of its Ogden Route and one other siding or drill track. Grand Avenue runs in a west-east direction to this crossing and then curves southeasterly to intersect Roseville Road which parallels the tracks on the southeasterly side of the railroad right of way.

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The crossing is presently protected by automatic signals. It is proposed to widen and improve it, to install automatically operated crossing gates and to install traffic signals with appropriate train pre-emption at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Roseville Road. It is alleged that protection of the public and increased usability of the roadways will result from this improvement.

The Commission finds and concludes that public safety, convenience and necessity require that the application be granted.

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An application having been filed and the Commission being informed in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that the County of Sacramento is authorized to widen the crossing of Grand Avenue at grade with tracks of Southern Pacific Company, (Crossing No. A-96.2) in Sacramento County, as described in the application and in accordance with the plan attached thereto. Width of crossing and grades of approach shall be as shown in the application. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Protection at the grade crossing shall be by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals equipped with automatic gate arms.

Construction expense shall be apportioned by agreement between the parties, or, if they fail to agree, by further order of the Commission. Maintenance cost outside of lines two feet cutside of rails shall be borne by applicant. Southern Pacific Company shall bear maintenance cost between such lines.

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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 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 23. 1110/107 day of 1960. President

Commissioners