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Decision No. _____

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 upgrading of protection at two existing crossings at grade, the temporary alteration and subsequent abandonment of two existing crossings at grade, and the permanent alteration of an existing crossing at grade, over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company, in connection with the construction of State Highway Route VI-Tul.Fre-4-E.Kngb,A.Sel. to a full freeway, whereby Mendocino Avenue, a county road, will be carried over the Southern Pacific Company's tracks, in Tulare County, referred to as the "Mendocino Avenue Overhead".

Application No. 44755

O R D E R

State of California, Department of Public Works, is hereby authorized to construct a crossing at separated grades referred to as "Mendocino Avenue Overhead", to temporarily alter and later abolish an existing crossing at grade between Mendocino Avenue and the main line of Southern Pacific Company and to temporarily alter and later abolish an existing crossing at grade between Simpson Street and a spur track of Southern Pacific Company in Tulare County: to alter an existing crossing at grade between Draper Street and the main line of Southern Pacific Company; to alter an existing crossing at grade between Simpson Street and a spur track of Southern Pacific Company and to alter an existing crossing at grade between Sierra Street (State Route #131) and the main line of Southern Pacific Company in the City of Kingsburg, Fresno County: at the locations described in Exhibits "A" through "E", inclusive, of the above numbered application and substantially as set forth in the application, the authorization being summarized in the following table and being subject to the conditions named therein:

TABLE OF CROSSING DATA

<u>P.U.C. Crossing No.</u>	<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Work Authorized</u>
B-226.1-A	Mendocino Avenue Overhead	Construct grade separation (overcrossing)
B-226.1	Mendocino Avenue	Temporarily alter and later abolish grade crossing. Protec- tion to be 2 existing Standard No. 8 crossing signals.
B-226.0-C	Simpson Street	Temporarily alter and later abolish grade crossing. Protec- tion to be 1 Standard No. 1A sign. Railroad stop and flag train movements across crossing.
B-225.5	Draper Street	Alter grade crossing. Protec- tion to be 2 existing Standard No. 8 crossing signals(GO 75-B) supplemented by flashing light signals on cantilever arms.
B-225.5-C	Simpson Street	Alter grade crossing. Railroad stop and flag train movements across crossing during time highway detour is in operation. Protection to be 2 Standard No. 1 signs reflectorized with reflex-reflective sheet material.
B-225.2	Sierra Street (State Route #131)	Alter grade crossing. Protec- tion to be 3 Standard No. 8 crossing signals (GO 75-B), supplemented with automatic gate arms. Railroad stop and flag train movements across northerly spur track.

Widths of roadways and grades of approach of Crossings.

Nos. B-226.1, B-226.0-C, B-225.5, B-225.5-C and B-225.2 shall be as shown in the application. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Expense of construction and maintenance of the work herein authorized shall be borne in accordance with agreements to be entered into between the parties involved, and copy of said agreements together with plans of said

grade separation 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 such costs by subsequent order.

Clearances shall be in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 26-D. except that during the period of construction of Mendocino Avenue Overhead, applicant is authorized to create a temporarily impaired overhead clearance of 22'6" above top of rail and Southern Pacific Company is authorized to operate with such impaired clearance condition provided it issue appropriate bulletins to train and enginemen advising them of the impaired clearance condition and forbidding trainmen from riding on tops of cars while operating beneath the structure.

Upon completion as authorized herein, main line Crossing No. B-226.1, Mendocino Avenue and spur track Crossing No. B-226.0-C. Simpson Street, shall be abolished by physical closing by Southern Pacific Company.

No train, motor, engine or car shall be operated over spur track Crossing No. B-226.0-C, spur track Crossing No. B-225.5C during the time highway detour is in operation, or the northerly spur track which is a portion of Crossing No. B-225.2. without first having been brought to a stop and traffic on the highway protected by a member of train crew or other competent employee of railroad acting as flagman. Suitable signs calling attention of trainmen to the flagging requirement shall be erected at the spur track crossings.

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 three years unless time be

extended or if 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.

Date at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of MARCH 1, 1963.

George J. Traver
President

Walter E. Dittell

Ernest W. Leage

Frederick B. Hallock

William W. Bennett
Commissioners