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Decision No. 67780

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of COUNTY OF GLENN to relocate grade crossing AE-154.1, across the right of way of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

Application No. 46620 (Filed May 8, 1964)

INTERIM ORDER

By this application the County of Glenn requests an order of this Commission authorizing the construction of primary County Road 39 over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company, approximately 450 feet northerly of the present crossing, Grade Crossing No. AE-154.1. The relocation of this crossing is necessitated by the fact that County Road 39 is being straightened as it approaches U. S. Highway 99, which at this point is also State Highway No. 7. It is alleged that this relocation will greatly reduce traffic hazards by eliminating the right angle turn onto the railroad tracks by traffic coming from the east and will result in better sight distance at the intersection with U. S. Highway 99 and State Highway No. 7.

Section 1202, Subsections (a) and (b) give this Commission the exclusive power to "determine and prescribe the manner, including the particular point of crossing" and the power to relocate crossings "heretofore" authorized. The application will be considered therefore in connection with these subsections.

The county and also the railroad company, in a letter dated July 31, 1964, have indicated a need for automatic protection for this crossing. This need is apparently less at the proposed relocation, but a hearing should be held to determine what protection should be required at the proposed point of relocation.

The Commission finds at this time that the relocation is eppropriate and will greatly reduce the probability of accidents at the proposed crossing. Based upon this finding, the Commission concludes that the particular point of crossing should be authorized as requested in this application. The terms of installation, operation, use, and protection to be added should be as the Commission shall determine after hearing.

The applicant has advised the Commission that a severe economic loss (allocation of federal funds) will result upon a delay in construction, and has requested authorization as soon as possible.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Glenn County is authorized to relocate County Road 39 over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company as proposed in Application No. 46620 over the land as described in the application, to be designated Grade Crossing No. AE-154.2.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon completion of Crossing No. AE-154.2, existing Crossing No. AE-154.1 shall be closed and physically barricaded by Southern Pacific Company and that protection of Crossing No. AE-154.2 shall be as this Commission after public

hearing shall determine and prescribe. Temporary crossing protection as at present shall consist of two Standard No. 1 crossing signs (General Order No. 75-B) reflectorized with reflex-reflective sheet material.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this

AUGUST, 1964.

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President

George G. Grover
Commissioners Frederick B. Heleberg
present but not voting.

Appendix A

Legal Description of Proposed Grade Crossing of County Road 39 and Southern Pacific Company Tracks Authorized in Application No. 46620.

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Sec. 15, T20N, R3W, M.D.B. & M., Glenn County, California, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly boundary of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company right-of way, from said point of beginning. Railroad Station 3624 + 04.89 on the centerline of said railroad right of way, bears S. 47' 29" W. 50.29 feet distant; thence from said point of beginning along the easterly boundary of the aforesaid railroad right of way

- 1) N 00° 04' 31"W, 40.23 feet; thence leaving said easterly boundary
- 2) S 83° 47' 29" W, 100.58 feet to the westerly boundary of aforesaid railroad right of way; thence along said westerly boundary
- 3) S 00° 04' 31" E, 80.46 feet; thence leaving said westerly boundary
- 4) N 83° 47' 29" E, 100.58 feet to the easterly boundary of the aforesaid railroad right of way; thence along said boundary
 - 5) N 00° 04' 31" W, 40.23 feet to the point of beginning. CCNTAINING an area of 0.184 of an acre of land.