

ORIGINALDecision No. 69050

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 two crossings)
 at grade and abandonment of an existing)
 crossing at grade over tracks of the)
 Southern Pacific Company in connection)
 with the improvement of State Route 36)
 between Devils Corral and the junction)
 with State Route 44 in Lassen County.)

Application No. 47301

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, applicant, State of California, Department of Public Works, seeks authority to construct two crossings at grade and to abandon an existing crossing at grade across the Westwood Branch of Southern Pacific Company near Susanville, Lassen County.

Applicant requests that the crossings be placed in "exempt" status as no trains have been operated over the Westwood Branch for ten years due to a washed-out bridge near Susanville. In this instance the crossings will be made exempt, but only until such time as the line may be placed in service once more. Applicant shall arrange for the installation of "exempt" signs designating the exempt status of the crossing.

O R D E R

State of California, Department of Public Works, is hereby authorized to construct State Route 36 and a Haul Road at grade across a track of Southern Pacific Company near Goumaz, Lassen County, at the locations described in the application to be identified as Crossings Nos. AX-389.0 and AX-389.1, respectively. Applicant shall bear entire construction expense, also maintenance cost of the crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails. Southern Pacific Company shall bear maintenance cost of the crossing between

such lines. Widths of crossings 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 shall be by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs (General Order No.75-B) reflectorized with reflex-reflective sheet material at each of the aforementioned grade crossings. Applicant shall arrange for the installation of an "exempt" sign on each of the advance warning signs at Crossing No. AX-389.0 and No. AX-389.1 in accordance with the requirements of Appendix A of Case No. 5979. The exempt signs shall be removed at such time as trains are again operated over the Westwood Branch between Susanville and Westwood. Southern Pacific Company shall notify the Commission and applicant if such train operation is resumed.

Upon completion, a private grade crossing at Milepost 389.0, about 20 feet westerly of Crossing No. AX-389.0, shall be abandoned and closed. 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 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 11th day of MAY, 1965.

 President
Arthur E. ...

George F. ...

William W. ...
 Commissioners