Decision No. 72032

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Hollister) for the realignment of a public grade) crossing over Southern Pacific railroad) spur line at 4th Street Crossing No.) P.U.C. 94.75 in the City of Hollister,) County of San Benito, State of California.)

INTERIM ORDER

The City of Hollister is hereby authorized to reconstruct the crossing of Fourth Street at grade with the tracks of Southern Pacific Company, Crossing No. EB-94.75, in the City of Hollister, San Benito County as described and substantially as shown in the application. Width of the crossing shall be not less than fiftysix feet and grades of approach not greater than two percent. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Protection shall be by two Standard No. 3 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B), supplemented by two flashing light signals on cantilever arms.

Applicant shall bear entire construction expense of the crossing in the widened area and outside of lines two feet outside of rails, 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.

Installation cost of the automatic crossing protection shall be borne equally by the City of Hollister and Southern Pacific Company. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection shall be borne equally by the city and the railroad, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

Applicant alleges the parties are unable to reach an agreement on the closure of an adjacent crossing as a condition for railroad's participation in the proposed alteration and has requested a decision be rendered by the Commission regarding such

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closure. Applicant further alleges the existing crossing is inadequate to serve the vehicular traffic utilizing Fourth Street, Crossing No. EB-94.75, and the proposed reconstruction will eliminate a dangerous crossing condition that presently exists.

The railroad, however, has no objection to the issuance of an interim order regarding improvements at the Fourth Street crossing and deferring the matter of possible closure of an adjacent crossing for further order at some future date. Possible closure of an adjacent crossing will be the subject of a further order of the Commission.

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. Applicant alleges the present crossing creates an undesirable situation and desires to commence reconstruction as soon as possible. The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

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