

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 72617

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY to )  
 clarify or modify the requirements of )  
 General Order No. 75-B relating to the )  
 sounding of a bell in connection with the )  
 operation of automatic grade crossing )  
 signals. )

Application No. 48372  
(Filed April 4, 1966)ORDER

The description of automatic grade crossing protection signals in the Commission's General Order No. 75-B, Standards Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 provide that "the warning aspect shall be accompanied by the sounding of a bell." The Southern Pacific Company seeks clarification of this provision so as to determine whether or not General Order No. 75-B requires that a bell be installed on each and every grade crossing protection signal mast at a crossing. The applicant alleges that such bells are not necessary on the signal masts located on median strips or center islands at a grade crossing.

The Commission staff has reviewed the request and is of the opinion that the bells are not necessary on the median strips or center islands except in certain instances.

Good cause appearing

IT IS ORDERED that the descriptions of crossing protection signals in the Commission's General Order No. 75-B, Standards Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, which presently read as follows: "Unless omitted by permission of the Commission the warning aspect shall be accompanied by the sounding of a bell" shall be amended by the addition of the following sentence: "Bells need not be installed on crossing

protection signal masts located on the median strips or center islands at a grade crossing unless ordered by the Commission."

The secretary is directed to serve a copy of this decision upon all railroad corporations operating in the State of California.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 1967.

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Commissioners