

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72687

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an order
authorizing the construction at grade
of a main track in, upon and across
Tenth Street East and State Road
No. VII-23-LA-E in the County of Los
Angeles, State of California.

} Application No. 45589

2ND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER GRANTING MODIFICATION

Applicant has requested an Order of the Commission granting authority to operate all classes of trains in main line service across the temporary crossing at grade of Sierra Highway (Crossing No. B-414.5-C) authorized in Decision No. 71950, dated January 31, 1967.

Said Decision No. 71950 authorized applicant to construct a temporary single line track at grade across Sierra Highway to be protected by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs to enable work and supply trains to transport materials to construction sites on the Palmdale-Colton Cutoff. It is now estimated that construction on the cutoff line will be completed by June 26, 1967 and will be ready for main line service on or about that date.

It will not be possible, however, to complete the realignment of Sierra Highway by June 26, 1967 in order to use the completed separation structure at the location of the future realigned Sierra Highway. The estimated time the separation can be placed in service is still October 26, 1967.

Applicant further requests that the Commission authorize the continuation of the present flagging of the crossing with train speed restrictions or at applicant's option to install two Standard

No. 8 flashing light signals augmented with automatic gates with no restrictions as to speed of trains across said crossing.

The Commission staff has investigated this matter and recommends that only the option of installing flashing light signals augmented with automatic gates be authorized for trains in main line service.

Applicant in Decision No. 69865 in Application No. 45589 was authorized to construct crossings at separated grades over Sierra Highway and at grade over Tenth Street East designated as spur track crossings, Crossing Nos. B-414.5-BC and B-414.792-C, respectively.

Upon completion of the Palmdale-Colton Cutoff these two crossings in addition to the temporary crossing of Sierra Highway (Crossing No. B-414.5-C) will become a part of said cutoff line and crossing designations shall be changed accordingly.

Good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ordering Paragraph 1 in Decision No. 71950 which reads as follows:

"Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to construct a temporary single line of track at grade across Sierra Highway (State Road No. VII-23-LA-E) to be identified as Crossing No. B-414.5-C. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72, with grades of approach not exceeding two percent in accordance with plan attached to the application. Protection shall be by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs (General Order No. 75-B) reflectorized with reflex-reflective sheet material. Applicant shall

bear entire construction and maintenance expense."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to construct a temporary single line of track at grade across Sierra Highway (State Road No. VII-23-LA-E) to be identified as Crossing No. B-414.5-C. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72, with grades of approach not exceeding two percent in accordance with plan attached to the application. Protection shall be by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B) augmented with automatic gates."

2. Ordering Paragraph 2 in Decision No. 71950 which reads as follows:

"No train, motor, engine or car shall enter upon said crossing at a speed greater than ten (10) miles per hour. Traffic on the highway shall be protected by a member of the train crew or other competent employee acting as flagman."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Upon the completion of the installation of automatic protection as specified in Ordering Paragraph 1 above, applicant may commence operation of all classes of trains in main line service with no speed restriction across Sierra Highway (Crossing No. B-414.5-C) to be identified as Crossing No. BB-414.5. Crossings Nos. B-414.5-BC and B-414.792-C are hereby re-designated

Crossing Nos. BB-414.5-B and BB-414.8, Sierra Highway
(State Road No. VII-23-LA-E) and Tenth Street East,
respectively."

In all other respects, Decisions Nos. 69865 and 71950 shall
remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th
day of JULY, 1967.

John E. Marshall
President

Augustan

William S. Bennett

David P. Morrissey
Commissioners

Commissioner William N. Bennett, being
necessarily absent, did not participate
in the disposition of this proceeding.