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Decision No. 73335

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation into the safety, maintenance, operation, use, and protection of the crossing at grade of Green Island Road and the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company in the County of Napa, Crossing No. AA-62.2.

Case No. 8651
(Filed July 6, 1967)

Larry W. Telford, for Southern Pacific Company, respondent.
Daniel V. York, for the County of Napa, respondent.
S. M. Boikan, Counsel, for the Commission staff.

OPINION AND ORDER

By its order dated July 6, 1967, the Commission instituted an investigation into the safety, maintenance, operation, use and protection of Green Island Road Crossing No. AA-62.2 which crosses at grade the railroad tracks of the Southern Pacific Company with a public or publicly used road or highway in the County of Napa.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Daly at San Francisco and the matter was submitted.

In this proceeding the Commission staff and the Southern Pacific Company take the position that the crossing in question should be protected by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals augmented with automatic gates. (General Order No. 75-B.) Initially the County of Napa opposed the installation of automatic gates because of the additional cost that such installation would have over and above the cost of installing flashing lights. When assured that the only additional cost to the County would amount to approximately \$750 the County stipulated to the recommendations of the staff.

The staff recommended that Green Island Road, Crossing No. AA-62.2, be protected by two automatic gates; the approaches and the crossing be widened to 24 feet and that the cost of installation and maintenance be shared equally by the Southern Pacific Company and the County of Napa.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Within one year after the effective date hereof two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals augmented with automatic gate arms (General Order No. 75-B) shall be installed at Green Island Road, Crossing No. AA-62.2 in the County of Napa.
2. The approaches and the crossing shall be widened to 24 feet. Construction and maintenance expense of the crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails shall be borne by the County of Napa. The Southern Pacific Company shall bear construction and maintenance cost between such lines.
3. The cost of installing the automatic protection shall be apportioned 50 percent to the Southern Pacific Company and 50 percent to the County of Napa. The cost of maintenance of the automatic protection shall be apportioned 50 percent to the Southern Pacific Company and 50 percent to the County of Napa pursuant to Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

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4. Within thirty days after completion of the work to be performed the Southern Pacific Company shall so advise the Commission in writing.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of NOVEMBER, 1967.

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