Decision No. 74002

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Application No. 49602 (Filed August 11, 1967)

In the matter of application of Santa Cruz County, acting through) it's Board of Supervisors to widen) Spring Valley Road at Grade across) the Southern Pacific Company Railroad

<u>O R D E R</u>

The County of Santa Cruz is hereby authorized to widen the crossing of Spring Valley Road at grade with a track of Southern Pacific Company, identified as Crossing No. EC-108.0 in Santa Cruz County, as described and substantially as shown in the application. Width of crossing shall be not less than 36 feet and grades of approach not greater than 4 percent. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72.

Applicant alleges that a travel trailer park located on this road is now in use, and that because of the availability of contractor's forces now in process of widening the other portion of the road it requests authority to immediately widen the crossing at this time. It also requests that the crossing be temporarily protected by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs until the automatic protection is installed.

Protection at the crossing shall be by two Standard No. 8 crossing signals (Genral Order No. 75-B) augmented with automatic gate arms, except that during the interim period extending not beyond one year from the date hereof, the widened portion of the crossing may be opened to traffic prior to the installation of such automatic protection, with crossing protection provided by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs (General Order 75-B) reflectorized with reflex-reflective sheet material. The two Standard No. 1 crossing signs may be removed after the automatic protection is placed in operation.

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Construction expense of the crossing shall be borne in accordance with an agreement entered into between the parties or, if they fail to agree, by further order of the Commission. Maintenance cost of the crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails shall be borne by applicant. Southern Pacific Company shall bear maintenance . cost of the crossing between such lines. Installation cost of the automatic protection shall be divided equally between Southern Pacific Company and the County of Santa Cruz. Maintenance cost of the automatic crossing protection shall be divided equally between the railroad and applicant, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

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

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