

Decision No. 78617**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California)
 Department of Public Works for an order)
 authorizing the alteration of an exist-) Application No. 52443
 ing grade crossing No. BC-242.9 across) (Filed February 11, 1971)
 the tracks of the Southern Pacific)
 Transportation Company Exeter Branch)
 line tracks and State Route 63, approxi-)
 mately 8 miles north of Visalia in)
 Tulare County.)

O R D E R

The State of California Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to alter the existing grade crossing (No. BC-242.9) across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Exeter Branch Line tracks and State Route 63 in Tulare County. Construction of the crossing shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. The width of the crossing shall be 48 feet and grades of approach not to exceed one percent in accordance with plans attached to the application. Protection shall be two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B) supplemented with automatic crossing gates and flashing light signals on cantilever arms. No obstructions shall be placed or remain near the flashing light signals which will impair the motorists' view.

Construction expense of the crossing shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be 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. The Southern Pacific Transportation Company shall bear maintenance cost of the crossing between such lines. Installation cost of the automatic protection shall be shared equally between the applicant and the railroad. The automatic protection maintenance shall be performed by the railroad, and the division of annual maintenance expense as

reflected by the total number of applicable maintenance units associated with the automatic grade crossing protection, shall be in the same proportion as the cost of installing the automatic grade crossing protection.

Clearances shall conform to General Order No. 26-D. Within the area of the grade crossing construction, walkways for a distance of six feet from the rail on both sides of the track shall provide a reasonable regular surface with gradual slope not to exceed one inch vertical to eight inches horizontal in all directions of the approach in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 113.

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 two years unless time be extended or if above conditions are not complied with.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 27th day of APRIL, 1971.

William J. Quinn Chairman

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[Signature] Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

- 2 - Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.