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Decision No. 78715

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 construction of an overhead structure whereby Avenue 17 will be carried over the El Paso Route main line track, one future track and a maintenance road of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company and to eliminate the existing public crossing at grade of Road 24 with the El Paso Route main line track of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, near the northeasterly city limits of the City of Madera, Madera County.

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) Application No. 52389
) (Filed January 4, 1971)
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State of California Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to construct a crossing at separated grades of Avenue 17 over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company, near Madera, Madera County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans (Exhibit B) attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. B-130.5-A. Construction and maintenance expense shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto, and plans of said crossing approved by Southern Pacific Transportation Company, shall be filed with the Commission within 130 days from the date hereof. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the cost of construction and maintenance by further order. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order No. 26-D, except that during the period of construction, a clearance of not less than 21'0" above top of rail is authorized and Southern Pacific Transportation Company is authorized to operate with such reduced clearance provided appropriate bulletins are issued, and filed with the Commission, advising train and engine crews of the temporarily impaired clearance condition and forbidding trainmen to ride on the tops of cars while operating beneath the structure.

Applicant shall notify the Commission and Southern Pacific Transportation Company at least 15 days but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when the temporary impaired clearance will be created.

Walkway areas adjacent to Southern Pacific Transportation Company tracks shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall promptly be restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.

Upon completion, existing Crossing No. B-179.7 of Road 24 approximately 4200 feet northwesterly shall be abandoned and effectively closed.

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 three years unless time be extended or if conditions are not complied with. The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of MAY, 1971.

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Chairman
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Commissioners