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Decision No. 81400

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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 addition of truck stopping
lanes to existing 4-lane highway,
Highway Station 91+45, at the
Camino, Placerville and Lake Tahoe
Railroad Grade Crossing,
No. 18-4.8, in El Dorado County. }

Application No. 53910
(Filed March 23, 1973)

O P I N I O N

The State of California Department of Public Works requests authority to widen the existing four-lane grade crossing of State Route 50 over a track of the Camino, Placerville and Lake Tahoe Railroad Company near Placerville in El Dorado County, to provide truck and bus stopping lanes. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 26, 1973. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The request is in the public interest and should be granted. The State of California Department of Public Works should be authorized to widen State Route 50 at grade across the Camino, Placerville and Lake Tahoe Railroad Company's track near Placerville in El Dorado County, Crossing No. 18-4.8, as shown by plans (Exhibits "B" and "C") attached to the application.

Width of the crossing should be not less than 76 feet with no change in existing grades of approach. Crossing construction should be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 (General Order No. 72-A). Protection should be two Standard No. 9-A gates with cantilever signals (General Order No. 75-C). Clearances, including any curbs, should conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways adjacent

to the crossing should conform to General Order No. 118.

Construction cost of the crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection should be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties and a copy of said agreement should be filed with the Commission within 180 days from the date hereof. Maintenance cost of the crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails should be borne by the applicant, and the railroad should bear maintenance cost of the crossing between such lines. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection should be shared equally between the railroad and the governmental agency having jurisdiction over the crossing at the time said maintenance is incurred. The applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The application is granted conditioned on the findings and conclusions set forth above.
2. Within 30 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. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

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The effective date of this order shall be 20 days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of MAY, 1973.

Vernon L. Stenger
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Commissioners