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Decision No. 81451

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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 widening of the  
existing WEIMAR OVERHEAD and NEW  
ENGLAND MILLS OVERHEAD, over the  
tracks of the Southern Pacific  
Transportation Company in connection  
with the widening of a portion of  
Interstate Route 80 between Heather  
Glen and 0.3 mile east of Colfax in  
Placer County.

Application No. 53869  
(Filed March 1, 1973)

O P I N I O N

The State of California Department of Public Works requests authority to widen the two existing crossings at separated grades of Weimar Overhead and New England Mills Overhead over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company near Colfax in the County of Placer. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 2, 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 the existing crossings at separated grades of Weimar Overhead (Crossing No. A-137.0-A) and New England Mills Overhead (Crossing No. AI-137.9-A) over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company near Colfax in the County of Placer at the location described in the application.

Clearances should be in accordance with General Order No. 26-D, and walkway areas adjacent to the railroad tracks should be maintained free of obstructions and shall promptly be restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.

Construction and maintenance expense should be borne in accordance with an agreement entered into between the parties relative thereto, and a copy of said agreement, together with plans of said crossings approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company should be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the cost of construction and maintenance by further order.

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

1. The application is granted conditioned on the findings and conclusions set forth above.

2. Within thirty days after completion, pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years. Upon request, the time may be extended. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of JUNE, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. ...  
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Commissioners

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