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Decision No. 82126

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of )  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY )  
for an order authorizing the extension )  
at grade of a track siding in, upon and )  
across County Road 57-D in the City of )  
Sims, County of Shasta, State of )  
California. )

Application No. 54261  
(Filed August 23, 1973)

O P I N I O N

Applicant railroad seeks an order of the Commission authorizing the construction of an additional track at County Road 57-D (Sims Road) in the County of Shasta.

By a motion filed pursuant to Rule 17.1(m) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, applicant seeks an order from the Commission that the construction of the additional track is included under the categorical exemptions established in the Guidelines issued by the California Resources Agency.

The motion will be approved. The construction of an additional track at a previously authorized grade crossing is a project included in the categorical exemptions set forth in the Guidelines.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 24, 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. Applicant railroad should be authorized to construct an additional track at County Road 57-D (Sims Road) in the County of Shasta at the location described in the application, identified as Crossing No. C-309.2.

This crossing was authorized by the Commission in Decision No. 79306 dated November 9, 1971, in Application No. 52806, which authorized the United States of America, acting through the

Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, to relocate County Road 57-D (Sims Road) to a point approximately 422 feet northerly of the present location. When this work, which is now in progress, is completed, the existing Crossing No. C-309.1 will be physically closed and abolished. The previously authorized crossing will be protected by two Standard No. 9 automatic gates (General Order No. 75-C) when construction is completed and opened to public use.

Width of the crossing, crossing construction and grades of approach should be as authorized by Decision No. 79306 referred to above. The new track should conform to the proposed road in the crossing area and also be included in the automatic protection to be installed at the crossing when it is constructed.

Construction and maintenance cost of the additional track should be borne by the applicant.

Under Rule 17.1(m) (1) (A) 6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, this project qualifies for a Class 1 exemption from the provisions of 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 inform 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.

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

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

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