

Decision No. 83774

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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
construction at grade of an industrial
spur track in, upon, along or across
Coral Street, Ryder Street and Solano
Avenue, in the City of Vallejo, County
of Solano, State of California. }

Application No. 55297
(Filed November 7, 1974)

O P I N I O N

The Southern Pacific Transportation Company (applicant) seeks an order of the Commission authorizing the construction, at grade, of an industrial spur track across Coral Street, Ryder Street and Solano Avenue in the City of Vallejo, County of Solano.

This industrial spur track will serve a new steel assembly plant being constructed by Kaiser Steel Corporation in the new South Vallejo Industrial Park.

The City of Vallejo is the lead agency for the Vallejo Industrial Park, and has approved an Environmental Impact Report as required by the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970", as amended.

The City of Vallejo, on June 24, 1974, approved a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed industrial spur track as having no significant effect on the environment.

Kaiser Steel Corporation, the industry to be served by the proposed industrial spur track, has informed the Commission by letter dated November 14, 1974, that it requires early rail service.

The applicant has requested that authorization be granted to install the crossings with temporary protection with all movements over the crossings protected by a member of the train crew until automatic protection can be placed in service.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on November 8, 1974. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

F I N D I N G S

After consideration, the Commission finds:

1. The proposed construction will provide rail service to a new steel assembly plant now under construction.
2. Applicant should be authorized to construct an industrial spur track, at grade, across Coral Street, Ryder Street and Solano Avenue in the City of Vallejo, County of Solano, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application.
3. Costs of constructing the crossing should be borne by the applicant.
4. Installation and maintenance costs of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.
5. It can be seen with reasonable certainty that the proposed crossings will not have a significant effect on the environment. This project is governed by Rule 17.1(a) (2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
6. The industry to be served is extremely anxious to receive service over this track and the applicant should be authorized to proceed with construction with interim protection as requested in the application.
7. Dimensions, configurations, clearances and walkways should be substantially in accordance with the plans set forth in the application and comply with applicable rules and general orders of the Commission.

C O N C L U S I O N S

On the basis of the foregoing findings, we conclude that the application should be granted as set forth in the following order:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Southern Pacific Transportation Company (applicant) is authorized to construct spur track crossings in the City of Vallejo, County of Solano, at the locations and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application with protection and location as follows:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Signal Protection</u> <u>(General Order No. 75-C)</u>	<u>Identification</u>
Coral Street	One (1) Standard No. 3 Signal	AAB-68.26-C
Ryder Street	Two (2) Standard No. 8-A Signals	AAB-68.31-C
Solano Avenue	Two (2) Standard No. 8-A Signals	AAB-68.50-C

2. Costs of constructing the crossings shall be borne by the applicant.

3. Construction of the crossings shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 (General Order No. 72-B). Crossing widths shall conform to the existing streets with tops of rails flush with each street.

4. Clearances shall conform to General Order No. 26-D. Walkways shall conform to General Order No. 118.

5. Installation and maintenance costs of the automatic protection shall be borne by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

6. Maintenance of each crossing shall be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B.

7. For a period not to exceed one year from the date of this order, protection at each crossing may be two Standard No. 1-R signs (General Order No. 75-C) and no on-rail vehicle shall be operated over said crossings unless it shall first be brought to a stop and traffic on the street protected by a member of the crew or other competent employee of the railroad acting as a flagman. Written

instructions shall be issued by the railroad to trainmen, operating over said crossings, to comply with said flagging instructions. Copy of said instructions shall be filed with the Commission within thirty days after installation of said crossings. Flagging procedures outlined herein shall remain in full force until the automatic protection required herein is installed.

3. 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 the above conditions are not complied with.

This authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of NOVEMBER, 1974.

Leon L. Sturgeon
President

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Commissioners