Decision No. 86065

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of TIDEWATER SOUTHERN RAILWAY) COMPANY for authority to construct a spur track at grade crossing Ullery Avenue serving Pargas) Company, City of Escalon, County) of San Joaquin, State of California)

Application No. 56340 (Filed March 22, 1976)

OPINION

Tidewater Southern Railway Company requests authority to construct a spur track at grade across Ullery Avenue in the City of Escalon, San Joaquin County.

The proposed track will provide railroad service to Pargas Company's property located on the northerly side of Ullery Avenue. Pargas Company proposes to establish a liquified petroleum gas plant in the City of Escalon which will serve as a storage and distribution center. The subject industrial plant is compatible with the light industrial use of the adjoining area and located near State Route 108, which is a heavily traveled thoroughfare connecting the urban areas of Escalon and Modesto.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 24, 1976. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

FINDINGS

After consideration, the Commission finds:

1. Applicant should be authorized to construct a spur track at grade across Ullery Avenue in the City of Escalon, San Joaquin County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application, to be identified as a portion of Crossing 75-18.6.

- 2. Construction of the crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 (General Order 72-B).
- 3. Width of the crossing should be not less than 24 feet with grades of approach as shown on the plan attached to the application.
- 4. Clearances should conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways should conform to General Order 118.
- 5. Warning devices at the crossing should be two Standard No. 1-R crossing signs (General Order 75-C). The signs should be lettered, both sides, on reflectorized white background.
- 6. Construction expense of the crossing should be borne by the applicant.
- 7. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order 72-B.
- 8. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

CONCLUSIONS

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

ORDER

- 1. Tidewater Southern Railway Company is authorized to construct a spur track at grade across Ullery Avenue in the City of Escalon, San Joaquin County, as set forth in the findings of this decision.
- 2. 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 one year unless time be extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. 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 day of _______, 1976.