

Decision No. 89744 DEC 12 1978**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the County of Sacramento  
to construct a grade crossing of the  
Southern Pacific Transportation Company  
at Mercantile Drive, northeasterly of the  
Sunrise Boulevard Crossing MP 104.1

Application No. 58243  
(Filed July 19, 1978)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to develop the Sunrise South Industrial Park in the community of Rancho Cordova, the County of Sacramento requests authority to construct Mercantile Drive at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Placerville Branch Line in the community of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County. Two private crossings presently providing access to this area will be closed upon completion of the Mercantile Drive Crossing.

The County of Sacramento is the lead agency for the project to develop the Sunrise South Industrial Park pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. After review of a Negative Declaration, the County of Sacramento approved the project for development of the Sunrise South Industrial Park and on September 16, 1977, filed a Notice of Determination with the Sacramento County Clerk which found that "The project will not have a significant effect on the environment."

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on July 24, 1978. 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. Applicant should be authorized to construct Mercantile Drive

at grade across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Placerville Branch Line in the community of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plans attached to the application, to be indentified as Crossing AH-105.1.

2. Construction of the crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of General Order 72-B.

3. Clearances should conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways should conform to General Order 118.

4. Protection at the crossing should be two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers. (General Order 75-C).

5. Construction cost of the crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

6. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order 72-B. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant pursuant to Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

7. Construction plans of the crossing, approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties involved, should be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.

8. After completion of the Mercantile Drive Crossing, the two existing private crossings at approximate Mileposts 104.2 and 105.0 on Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Placerville Branch (AH) Line should be abandoned and effectively closed.

9. The County of Sacramento is the lead agency for the project to develop the Sunrise South Industrial Park pursuant to the California

Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on June 6, 1977, approved its Negative Declaration which has been filed with the Commission. The Commission has considered the Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination in rendering its decision on this project and finds that:

- a. The environmental impact of the proposed action is insignificant.
- b. The planned construction is the most feasible and economical that will avoid any possible environmental impact.
- c. There are no known irreversible environmental changes involved in this project.

#### 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 County of Sacramento is authorized to construct Mercantile Drive at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Placerville Branch Line in the community of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento 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 two years 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 thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman  
President

William Squire Jr

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Charles D. Good

Clive T. Hedrick  
Commissioners