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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of VENTURA COUNTY RAILWAY COMPANY for authority to construct a spur track at grade over and across Perkins Road within the City of Oxnard, County of Ventura, State of California)

Application No. 58741 (Filed March 13, 1979)

O P I N I O N

The Ventura County Railway Company requests authority to construct a spur track at grade at its existing main line crossing of Perkins Road (Crossing No. 45-4.25) in the City of Oxnard, Ventura County.

The Commission is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq. The site of the proposed project has also been inspected by the Commission staff.

The proposed spur track crossing of Perkins Road will connect two existing spur tracks which serve the industrial area of the City of Oxnard, which lies south of Humane Road. The proposed connecting track will permit shipper's cars to be switched individually on the team track which serves the area without moving cars being loaded or unloaded by others. The efficiency of rail operations will be improved and the necessary number of switching movements reduced.

The proposed spur track will become a portion of the railroad's existing main line crossing of Perkins Road. The project is located in an existing light industrial area with many rail-served industries.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 16, 1979. 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 a spur track at grade at its existing main line crossing of Perkins Road in the City of Oxnard, Ventura County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application, to be identified as a portion

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of Crossing 45-4.25.

2. Construction of the spur track crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 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 continue to be Standard No. 1-R signs (General Order 75-C), relocated as required to accommodate the spur track.

5. Construction cost of the crossing and relocation cost of the crossing signs should be borne by the applicant.

6. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order 72-B.

7. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

C O N C L U S I O N

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 Ventura County Railway Company is authorized to construct a spur track at grade at its existing main line crossing of Perkins Road (Crossing 45-4.25) in the City of Oxnard, Ventura 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of JULY, 1979.

John E. Guye
President

Hermon L. Stanger

Robert A. Gwalt

Clair J. Smith

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Commissioners