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Decision No. 91144

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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 drill track in,  
upon and across Manville and Apra Streets  
in the City of Compton, County of Los  
Angeles, State of California.

Application No. 59144  
(Filed September 17, 1979)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to construct an industrial drill track to serve the PRU-OMA Industrial Park, the Southern Pacific Transportation Company requests authority to construct an industrial drill track at grade across Manville and Apra Streets in the City of Compton, Los Angeles County.

The City of Compton is the lead agency for the project to construct a drill track to serve the PRU-OMA Industrial Park pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, Public Resource Code, Section 21000, et seq.

After preparation and review of an Initial Study, the City of Compton issued a Negative Declaration and approved the project. On August 17, 1979, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk which found that "The project will not have a significant effect on the environment."

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration. The site of the proposed project has also been inspected by the Commission staff.

The proposed industrial drill track will provide rail service to the PRU-OMA Industrial Park, a joint venture of the Prudential Insurance Company of America and Overton, Moore and Associates. The industrial park is located in a previously undeveloped area of approximately 140 acres. The entire area is privately owned and is presently being subdivided into industrial parks which will be utilized for warehousing, light industry and related commercial facilities.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 19, 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 an industrial drill track at grade across Manville and Apra Streets in the City of Compton, Los Angeles County, at the locations and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application, to be identified as Crossings BBH-495.98-C and BBH-496.13-C, respectively.
2. Construction of the crossings 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 each crossing should be two Standard No. 8-A automatic flashing-light signals with cantilevers (General Order 75-C).
5. 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 crossing signs (General Order 75-C). No on-rail vehicle should operate over the crossings unless it is first 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. The flagman should place a minimum of two fuses on each side of the track prior to entry of the on-rail vehicle into the crossing.
6. Written instruction should be issued by the railroad to trainmen, operating over the crossings, to comply with the flagging instructions. A copy of the instructions should be filed with the Commission within thirty days after installation of the crossings. Suitable signs should be installed on both sides of Manville and Apra Streets, calling the attention of trainmen to the flagging instructions. Flagging procedures outlined in Finding 6 should remain in full force until the required automatic protection is installed and operative.

7. Construction cost of the crossings and installation cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

8. Maintenance of the crossings should be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

9. The City of Compton is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

10. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

11. This project will have no 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 Southern Pacific Transportation Company is authorized to construct an industrial drill track at grade across Manville and Apra Streets in the City of Compton, Los Angeles 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.

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

Dated DEC 18 1979, at San Francisco, California.

*John E. Byron*  
President  
*Vernon L. Strassman*  
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*Charles T. Doughty*  
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