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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO GRANT  
EXEMPTIONS FROM GENERAL ORDER 72-B TO PERMIT THE  
INSTALLATION OF RUBBER GRADE CROSSING SURFACES

General Order 72-B specifies rules governing the construction and maintenance of crossings at grade of railroads with public streets, roads and highways. The General Order includes illustrations of various crossing surface materials that are known as Commission Standards. An exemption from any of the requirements and standards requires prior approval from the Commission.

Recent developments in the field have produced a number of different material type surfaces, including rubber panels, polyethylene modules, epoxy-rubber mix cast-in-place, steel sections and concrete pavement. From the wide variety of crossing surface types that are available, choices may be made to suit the highway user requirements and railroad operations at the individual crossing location. The rubber panels have gained popularity due to their durability, riding quality and ease of maintenance.

Public agencies and railroad corporations frequently request exemptions from General Order 72-B to install rubber grade crossing surfaces. The function of granting such exemption is ministerial when granted in accordance with the conditions set forth in the order which follows.

IT IS ORDERED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to grant, on behalf of the Commission, to public agencies and railroad corporations exemptions from General Order 72-B to permit the installation of different material type grade crossing surfaces if the following requirements are met:


1. There is no opposition from the affected party, i.e., the railroad corporation when construction authority has been granted to a public agency or the public agency when construction authority has been granted to a railroad corporation, as demonstrated by a letter from the affected party which must accompany the exemption request.

2. Each authorization shall recite that it was issued pursuant to this resolution. Each such resolution when signed by the Executive Director shall be deemed to be the order of the Commission.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular conference on NOV 13 1987.  
The following Commissioners approved it:

STANLEY W. HULETT  
    President  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
G. MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN R. OHANIAN  
    Commissioners



*Victor Rivera*  
Executive Director

Commissioner Donald Vial, being necessarily absent, did not participate.