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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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R E S O L U T I O N

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF FOUR STANDARD NO. 9 AUTOMATIC SIGNALS WITHOUT GATE MECHANISMS BY THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY PENDING ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY AT WESTERN AVENUE CROSSING 2H-21.7-C IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (AT&SF), by letter dated August 24, 1987, and the County of Los Angeles (County), also acting on behalf of the City of Torrance, by letter dated July 16, 1987, have requested that they be granted temporary authority to deviate from General Order 88-A, which order authorized the widening of Western Avenue Crossing 2H-21.7-C, with protection to be four Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals (General Order 75-C) in the city of Torrance and the County.

AT&SF and the County now state that the purchase of additional right-of-way is required in order that the four Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals be operated and placed in the proper manner under the requirements of General Order 75-C. In the interim, both the County and AT&SF request temporary authority to operate the four Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals using only the flashing light signals without activating the gate mechanism. The purchase of additional right-of-way will be completed within one year. Operation of the flashing lights on the four Standard No. 9 automatic signals can begin immediately.

The Commission staff, after review and discussion with the interested parties, concluded that the best available alternative under the circumstances would be to allow the temporary operation of the flashing lights on the four Standard No. 9 automatic signal without gate mechanisms, for a one year period of time until the County completes the acquisition of the additional right-of-way required to

complete the full No. 9 gate installations. This would result in the approximate equivalent of No. 8 - type devices during this one year temporary period. The actual gate pieces should not be installed during this period, in order to avoid possible confusion to motorists. Additionally, signs shall be installed stating "Railroad Crossing: Beware of Trains When Lights Flash".

IT IS RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles, also acting in behalf of the City of Torrance, and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company are authorized to operate the four Standard No. 9 automatic gate type signals, flashing lights portion only, without activating the gate mechanism, at the Western Avenue Crossing 2H-21.7-C, for a period of one year from the effective date of this resolution, in the City of Torrance and Los Angeles County. The actual gate pieces shall not be installed and signs shall be posted as discussed above.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular conference on FEB 10 1968. The following Commissioners approved it:

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