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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution ET-1379  
Transportation Division

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE LEMON GROVE AVENUE CROSSING OF THE SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY'S LA MESA BRANCH TRACK, CROSSING NO. 36D-10.3, IN LEMON GROVE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, FROM FOUR STANDARD NO. 9 GATE-TYPE SIGNALS, TO TWO STANDARD NO. 1-R RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNS WITH OPERATIONS ACCOMPANIED BY A FLAGMAN, DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSSING BY THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AS AUTHORIZED DECEMBER 3, 1987, UNDER GENERAL ORDER 88-A.

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The San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) by letter dated May 3, 1988, requested that the crossing protection at the Lemon Grove Avenue crossing of the San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad Company's La Mesa Branch Line track, Crossing No. 36D-10.3, in Lemon Grove, San Diego County, be temporarily modified from four Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals to two Standard No. 1-R crossing signs (General Order 75-C). All trains would first be brought to a full stop and movement over the crossing to be accompanied by a flagman. One freight train passes over the crossing per day.

MTDB as a part of the construction of the East Urban Line to El Cajon obtained authorization to reconstruct the Lemon Grove Avenue grade crossing on December 3, 1987, under General Order 88-A. The reconstruction includes the construction of a second track, extensive grading of the street site, the installation of two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signal and two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers and extra flashers, and installation of overhead power supply apparatus. MTDB states that the temporary modification of protection during the period of reconstruction is essential in order to install modern updated electrical wiring for the new upgraded automatic crossing protection.

IT IS ORDERED that the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board is authorized to temporarily modify the crossing protection at the Lemon Grove Avenue crossing of the San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad Company's La Mesa Branch Line, in Lemon Grove, San Diego County, from four Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals to two Standard No. 1-R crossing signs (General Order 75-C) and flagging of the crossing for a period not to exceed 90 days from the effective date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during this 90 day period: 1. No on-rail vehicle shall operate over the crossing unless it is protected by a member of the crew, or other competent employee of the railroad acting as flagman. The flagman shall place a minimum of two fuses on each side of the track prior to entry of the on-rail vehicle into the crossing. Written instructions shall be issued by the railroad to trainmen operating over the crossing, to comply with the flagging instructions. A copy of the instructions shall be filed with the Commission within 30 days after issuance thereof. Suitable signs shall be installed on both sides of Lemon Grove Avenue calling the attention of trainmen to the flagging instructions.

2. At the expiration of the 90 day period; MTDB shall place in operation the signal protection authorized by General Order 88-A which is two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals and two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilever arms (General Order 75-C).

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on JUN 17 1988, 1988.  
The following Commissioners approved it:

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