

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Safety Division
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R E S O L U T I O N

GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM GENERAL ORDER 135, SECTIONS ONE AND TWO, TO PERMIT THE OCCUPANCY OF THE SMITH AVENUE GRADE CROSSING OVER SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY'S PUENTE BRANCH LINE FOR PERIODS AS LONG AS 45 MINUTES BY STOPPED TRAINS, IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

The Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) and the City of Santa Fe Springs (City), by agreement dated November 10, 1988, have requested a variance from Sections 1 and 2 of General Order 135 to permit the occupancy of the Smith Avenue grade crossing of SPT's Puente branch line (Crossing No. BKA - 500.0) for periods as long as 45 minutes by stopped trains, in the City of Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County.

The purpose of the agreement is to minimize grade crossing blockages in the city along SPT's La Habra branch line during daylight hours by maximizing nighttime operations. SPT will virtually eliminate operations which cause blockages in this area between 0630 - 0830 hours and 1500 - 1830 hours. The change in operations will require extended periods of occupancy by trains of the Smith Avenue grade crossing, where alternate routes are available and the overall impact will be less.

Under the agreement the city is to provide signage with continuous flashing yellow lights on the west and east approaches to the crossing. The signs will advise motorists to "Use Telegraph Road When Trains Present" and will satisfy the design and placement standards of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for warning signs (Part 2C). A supplemental "Standing Trains Allowed Under P.U.C. Resolution ET-1389" sign shall be mounted under each warning sign.

The agreement fulfills the requirements of Attachment A to General Order 135 regarding variances. Affected public agencies, including the California Highway Patrol, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and local police and fire departments have been notified of the agreement and have not objected to it. The agreement provides for joint review every three months to evaluate the success or failure of the change in operations. If not renewed it will lapse one year from the date of this resolution. The Commission finds that the proposed variance would be in the public interest.

IT IS RESOLVED that a variance to Sections 1 and 2 of General Order 135 as described in the agreement signed November 10, 1988, by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company and the City of Santa Fe Springs is granted, permitting the occupancy of the Smith Avenue at-grade crossing of the Puente branch line (Crossing No. BKA - 500.0) for periods as long as 45 minutes by stopped trains, in the City of

Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County, with signage as discussed above directing the public to alternate routes when this crossing is blocked. This resolution will expire upon termination of the agreement.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular conference on APR 12 1969.
The following Commissioners approved it.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OHANIAN
Commissioners

Commissioner Frederick R. Duda
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

Commissioner Patricia M. Eckert
present but not participating.



Executive Director

