

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Rail Safety and Carriers Division  
Rail Safety Branch  
Railroad Operations and Safety Section

Resolution SR-102  
Date: June 3, 1999

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION SR-102. AUTHORIZING LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO REMOVE THE FLORENCE INTERLOCKING PLANT DUE TO DISCONTINUANCE OF UNION PACIFIC FREIGHT SERVICE ON THE AFFECTED INDUSTRY SPUR TRACKS.**

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By CPUC Decision 90-05-080 in Application 89-11-034, dated May 22, 1990, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission--now Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (MTA)--was authorized to construct two light rail vehicle tracks across Southern Pacific Transportation Company's--now Union Pacific Railroad(UP)--Wilmington Branch at UP Milepost 488.99 and MTA Milepost 6.76 and to construct and operate an interlocking plant pursuant to the requirements of CPUC's General Order 33-B.

By letter dated February 25, 1999, MTA advises that the turnout at UP Milepost 484.99 serving industry spur tracks south of Nadeau Street--the tracks requiring the interlocking plant--has been removed by UP. There has been no rail freight usage of these industry spurs for approximately two years. Thus the "Florence" interlocker authorized by CPUC Decision 90-05-80 has been taken out of service and will be dismantled. The track crossings will be removed and MTA's two main tracks will be reconstructed to main track standards.

CPUC's Railroad Operations and Safety Section staff contacted UP's Director of Signal Design in Omaha and confirmed UP's concurrence to the proposed abandonment. Staff also made a field inspection of the location and determined that portions of the freight track have been removed with no possible conflict of movement. There is therefore no longer any safety hazard.

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PUC Code Section 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED That:** Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority may abandon the Florence Interlocking Plant previously authorized by CPUC Decision 90-05-080 to serve industry Spurs South of Nadeau Street at approximately UP Milepost 488.99.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on June 3, 1999. The following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

  
WESLEY M. FRANKLIN  
Executive Director

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