

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

Rail Safety and Carriers Division  
Rail Engineering Safety Branch  
Rail Crossings Projects Section

Resolution SX-22  
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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION SX-22. AUTHORIZING THE RAILROADS IN CALIFORNIA TO UPDATE COSTS OF MAINTENANCE AUTOMATIC GRADE - CROSSING WARNING DEVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998.**

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**Summary**

Public Utilities Code Section 1231.1 requires the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to set aside in its annual budget a minimum of \$ 1,000,000. into the Automatic Grade - Crossing Protection Maintenance Fund for allocation to the Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of paying to railroads the cities, and counties' share of maintaining automatic grade-crossing warning devices. The maximum allocation to this fund is determined by the California Transportation Commission. \$ 4,250,000 was disbursed to the railroads last fiscal year.

**Background**

One of the steps in distributing funds from the Automatic Grade-Crossing Protection Maintenance Fund requires establishing the cost of maintaining automatic grade-crossing warning devices. The Commission's Decision (D.) 88-01-018, dated January 13, 1988, contains the procedure for determining the costs of maintaining grade-crossing warning devices. In accordance with D. 88-01-018 the railroads submitted on January 19, 1999 the costs for maintenance of automatic warning devices. These costs have remained at the same level since 1992.

**Findings**

The staffs of the Commission and Caltrans have received the railroads' maintenance costs as follows:

**1998 Annual Maintenance Cost**

<u>Crossing Type</u>	<u>Costs</u>
Main line	\$3125
Branch line with gates	2263
Branch line without gates	1130
Other line with gates	1672
Other line without gates	836

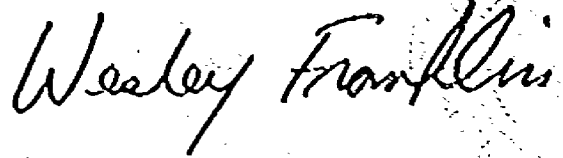
Since this is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested, the 30-day period for public review and comment otherwise applicable pursuant to PU Code Section 311(g) (2) is being waived.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

The railroads are authorized to continue the above costs in effect for purposes of FY 1998/99 Automatic Grade-Crossing Protection Maintenance Funds filings.

This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on February 18, 1999. The following Commissioners approved it:



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