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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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (LACTC) TO DEVIATE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7.8 OF GENERAL ORDER 75-C BY MODIFYING THE SOUNDING OF BELLS ON THE LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH LIGHT RAIL LINE AT WARDLOW ROAD AND SPRING STREET, IN LONG BEACH.

Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC), by letter dated September 29, 1989, has requested authority to deviate from the provisions of Section 7.8 (warning aspect) of General Order 75-C by modifying the mechanism that allows the constant ringing of bells at a crossing from the time gates begin descending until the ascent of the gates after the train has left the crossing. LACTC requests that the bells sound only during the initial warning and descent period of the gates at the following crossings:

| <u>Crossing Name</u> | <u>LACTC Crossing Number</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Wardlow Road | 84L-17.50 |
| Spring Street | 84L-18.10 |

Safety Division staff concludes that LACTC's proposal for the bells to remain silent when the gates are in the down position to avoid the annoyance of continuously ringing bells in the residential and commercial areas surrounding the two at-grade crossings has merit and should be granted. LACTC's proposal is a safe and reasonable alternative to the requirement of continuously ringing bells. Also, there is precedent for this request in that the Commission has granted similar requests to the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (Resolution No. SR-4) and to the Sacramento Regional Transit (Resolution No. RTS-11).

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THEREFORE:

IT IS RESOLVED that LACTC be authorized to deviate from Section 7.8 of General Order 75-C so that the sounding of the bells occurs only during the initial warning and descent stage until the gates are in the down position for the grade crossing protection devices at Wardlow Road and Spring Street. This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on APR 11 1990.
The following Commissioners approved it:

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