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RESOLUTION NO. **E-1011**

UTILITIES DIVISION
SECTION: **Electric**
DATE: **February 3, 1959**

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: **Use of Splices in Supply-Communication Line Crossing Spans
Where Grade "A" Construction is Required**

WHEREAS: GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, and THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, by letters respectively dated May 19, 1955, August 18, 1955, and September 27, 1955, have requested cancellation or modification of Rule 103.1-A of General Order No. 95, which rule prohibits with certain exceptions the use of splices in supply-communication line crossing spans where Grade "A" construction is required, and

WHEREAS: The same grade of construction is required by said order for certain joint pole line construction without any prohibition of splices, which joint pole lines, required to be of Grade "A" construction, are extensive in mileage and afford similar or frequently greater exposure to supply-communication line contacts, and

WHEREAS: An investigation of the relative hazards of contacts in such crossing spans and along such joint pole lines indicates that the safety hazard would be substantially unchanged were said rule modified as hereinafter provided, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rule 103.1-A of General Order No. 95 be changed to read as follows:

"103.1 Prevention of Conductor Breakage and Burning of Supports.

A. SPLICES AND TAPS

- "(1) Splices shall not be made or permitted in crossing spans where Grade "A" construction is required unless the mutual consent of all parties involved in such spans is obtained. Nothing contained in this Rule 103.1-A(1) shall be construed as requiring that splices be made, or as granting authority for or permitting the making of splices in such crossing spans without the consent of all parties owning or operating overhead lines involved in such crossing spans.

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"(2) Splices and taps shall, as far as practicable, be avoided in crossing spans where Grade "A" construction is required. If it is impracticable to avoid such splices, they shall be of such type and be so made as to have a strength practically equal to the conductor in which the splice is made. Splices and taps should not be made in spans adjacent to such crossing spans if the crossing span is not dead-ended. Splices or taps in spans adjacent to a Grade "A" crossing span shall, if practicable, be placed nearer to the crossing support than the nearest conductor crossed over. This rule is not intended to prohibit splices or taps on the free ends of conductors which are dead-ended in the crossing span."

The Secretary is hereby directed to cause appropriate notice of the issuance of this order to be given to all operators of overhead electric supply and communication lines coming within the jurisdiction of this Commission.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular session of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, held on the 3rd day of February, 1959, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

C. LYN FOX
President
PETER E. MITCHELL
MATTHEW J. DOOLEY
THEODORE H. JENNER
Commissioners


Secretary