

STATE OF ILLINOIS



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

December 3, 1999

Illinois Commerce Commission,
On Its Own Motion

vs.

Union Pacific Railroad Company; City of Springfield, Sangamon
County; State of Illinois; Department of Transportation

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adding pre-signals on the south approach to the 6th Street crossing
for northbound motorists, by providing simultaneous activation and
deactivation of the automatic flashing light signals and gates at said
crossings, and by providing any further relief the Commission may
deem necessary, dividing the cost amount the parties and the Grade
Crossing Protection Fund.

T99-0116

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Citation Order entered by the Commission in
the above entitled matter on November 17, 1999.

Very truly yours,

Kevin L. Sharpe
Director of Processing
and Information

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Michael E. Stead, Hearing Examiner
John Blair, Railroad Section Staff

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CITATION

By the Commission:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") through investigation made by its staff, that inquiry should be made into the matter of improving public safety at the Union Pacific Railroad Company's ("UPRR") rail-highway grade crossings as hereinafter set forth:

North Grand Avenue (DOT 294 294Y) and 6th Street (DOT 294 295F) UPRR grade crossings located in Springfield - increase minimum railroad simultaneous preemption time to 47 seconds; provide simultaneous activation and deactivation of the automatic flashing light signals and gates; install pre-signals on the south approach to the 6th Street crossing for northbound traffic; install new traffic signal control equipment with re-service capabilities and continuous self checking of critical preemption timings for the traffic signals at the intersection of North Grand Avenue and 6th Street and the intersection of North Grand Avenue and Peoria Road which are interconnected with the North Grand Avenue and 6th Street railroad crossing signals and gates; establish remote monitoring capabilities of the traffic signal controllers; install an additional left turn track clearance indication for eastbound traffic at the North Grand Avenue and Peoria Road intersection; upgrade railroad interconnect circuit to a supervisory design; install "Caution Walk Time Shortened When Train Approaches" signs near pedestrian crosswalks; install "Do Not Stop On Tracks" signs for northbound traffic at the 6th Street crossing and for eastbound and westbound traffic at the North Grand Avenue crossing; install "No Right

Turn" signs for northbound traffic at the 6th Street and North Grand Avenue intersection; install a "Stop Here on Red" sign near the northbound pre-signal; install "No Turn on Red" signs for southbound traffic at the Peoria Road and North Grand Avenue intersection; and install pavement marking to delineate crossing areas;

WHEREAS, the Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter herein pursuant to the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law (625 ILCS 5/18c-7401); and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad Company should be required to prepare detailed estimates of cost to perform the railroad warning system modifications as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, it appears that formal proceedings should be instituted by Citation for the purpose of carrying on such investigation, for the taking of evidence with respect to the safety of the public at said crossings and for determining an equitable division of cost for such crossing improvements as may be required by the Commission in accordance with the law; and

WHEREAS, proper notice should be given to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, the City of Springfield and the Illinois Department of Transportation with respect to said proceeding; and

WHEREAS, a hearing or hearings should be held for the purpose of hearing all parties fully on the issues so raised.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Union Pacific Railroad Company, the City of Springfield and the Illinois Department of Transportation be, and they are each hereby cited and required to appear at a hearing to be held at the Commission's offices, Leland Building, 527 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois February 1, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. to show cause, if any there be, why an Order should not be issued requiring the improvements set forth herein, and requiring such further relief as the Commission, under the circumstances, may deem necessary and dividing the cost for such improvements among the parties and the Grade Crossing Protection Fund in accordance with the law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Union Pacific Railroad Company be, and it is hereby required and directed to prepare cost estimates to perform the railroad warning system modifications as aforesaid and shall submit said estimate to the Commission's Director of Processing and Information no later than ten (10) days prior to the hearing in this matter.

By Order of the Commission this 17th day of November, 1999.

*Richard P. Mathias*³

Chairman

EXAMINER
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SECTION CHIEF
<i>[Signature]</i> Supervisor of Orders