

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission in-) APPLICATION NO. PI-13
vestigation of railroad crossing)
concerns in Nebraska.) ORDER INSTITUTING
) INVESTIGATION
)
) ENTERED: APRIL 24, 1995

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Through a variety of sources, this Commission has been apprised that many problems exist in this state which concern railroad crossings.

Through Operation Life Saver, efforts are continuously being made to reduce the number of crossings, that will in turn improve the safety of crossings. The Commission should determine whether it can offer its assistance in reducing the number of crossings.

It also is brought to the Commission's attention from time to time that crossings are frequently blocked for long periods of time outside of any municipality which may have jurisdiction to police blocked crossings, especially in the northwestern part of this state. The Commission should determine whether additional legislation should be enacted to confer jurisdiction on counties or other governmental subdivisions or agencies to police crossings in areas where the present statutes do not provide any jurisdiction to deal with the problem.

The Commission's help is frequently requested by the public to obtain railroad crossing repairs of both public and private crossings. The Commission should determine whether additional legislation should be enacted to increase its authority to require repair of crossings.

These issues should be made the subject of a comprehensive study of railroad crossing problems in Nebraska.

O R D E R

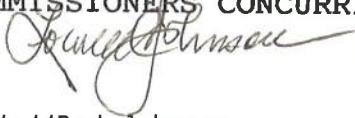
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a hearing be convened in the Commission Hearing Room on June 5, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of gathering evidence on the issues raised in the foregoing findings and that notice thereof be published in accordance with the rules of the Commission and that wider publication of these proceedings be made so as to inform the general public and obtain the widest possible participation in this investigation.

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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of April, 1995.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Rod Johnson

//s//James F. Munnelly

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director