

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Safety and Enforcement Division
Rail Transit and Crossings Branch
Rail Transit Safety Section

Resolution ST-138
April 18, 2013

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ST-138 GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 2011 ON-SITE SAFETY REVIEW OF THE ANGELS FLIGHT RAILWAY COMPANY

Summary

This resolution grants approval of the Safety and Enforcement Division final report titled, "2011 On-Site Safety Review of the Angels Flight Railway Company," dated February 5, 2013. With Commission approval of the final report, the Angels Flight Railway Company is ordered to implement the recommendations contained in the report and to provide monthly progress reports.

Background

Commission General Order No. 164-D, "Rules and Regulations Governing State Safety Oversight of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems" requires Commission staff to conduct on-site safety reviews of transit agencies operating rail fixed guideway systems at least once every three years. The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) Rail Transit Safety Section (RTSS) staff (staff) conducted the review which commenced on September 22, 2011 and concluded on October 6, 2011. This was the first on-site safety review of the Angels Flight Railway Company (AFRC) since Angels Flight was reopened in March, 2010.

A full description of the safety review, including the scope, results, and recommendations is contained in the final safety review report identified in this resolution as Attachment A.

The safety review results indicate that AFRC is generally in compliance with its System Safety Program Plan; however, staff identified some program areas of non-compliance during the review. These non-compliant items along with recommendations for corrective actions are described, where applicable, in the Findings/Comments/Recommendations sections of each checklist and in the body of the final report. A summary of recommendations requiring corrective action is contained in Appendix C of the report.

Staff sent AFRC a copy of the draft safety review report findings and recommendations for commenting on November 10, 2011. The AFRC President informed staff by electronic mail of his concurrence of the recommendations.

Discussion

The final report, "2011 On-Site Safety Review of the Angels Flight Railway Company," dated February 5, 2013, included as Attachment A, identifies RTSS findings and recommendations.

The SED recommends that the Commission approve the final safety review report titled, "2011 On-Site Safety Review of the Angels Flight Railway Company," dated February 5, 2013. Staff also recommends the Commission order AFRC to:

- Submit a corrective action plan to staff, for the recommendations identified in the report;
- Implement the recommendations in accordance with the plans and schedules submitted; and
- Provide staff with monthly progress reports on the status of the corrective actions until they are complete.

Notice

On March 20, 2013, this Resolution was published on the Commission's Daily Calendar.

Comments

The draft resolution of the SED in this matter was mailed in accordance with Section 311 of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.2(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. No comments were received.

Findings

1. RTSS staff conducted an on-site safety review of AFRC which commenced on September 22, 2011 and concluded on October 6, 2011.
2. The safety review results indicate that AFRC is generally in compliance with its system safety program plan; however, the review identified some areas in the safety program that were in non-compliance. These non-compliant items along with recommendations for corrective actions are described, where applicable, in the Findings/Comments/Recommendations section of each checklist and in the body of the final report.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that

1. The Safety and Enforcement Division's request for approval of the final safety review report titled, "2011 On-Site Safety Review of the Angels Flight Railway Company," dated February 5, 2013, is granted.
2. The Angels Flight Railway Company shall submit to the Rail Transit Safety Section plans and schedules for implementing all recommended corrective actions contained in the final safety review report. The plans and schedules shall be submitted no later than 45 days from the effective date of this resolution.
3. The Angels Flight Railway Company shall implement and complete all recommended corrective actions contained in the report, in accordance with the plan and schedule submitted to the Rail Transit Safety Section.

4. The Angels Flight Railway Company shall provide monthly status reports, following the effective date of this resolution to the Rail Transit Safety Section. The reports shall contain detailed information on the implementation of all remaining recommended corrective actions contained in the final safety review report. Monthly status reports shall be provided until all recommended corrective actions are complete.
5. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on April 18, 2013; the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

PAUL CLANON
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A