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RAIL CROSSINGS IN WEST TULSA SHOULD STAY OPEN, SAYS OCC JUDGE

(Oklahoma City) – Oklahoma Corporation Commission Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Charles Dudley has denied a request from the Sand Springs Railway Company to close 7 crossings in west Tulsa. In his finding, Judge Dudley stated that while the condition of the crossings in question make each a candidate for closure under existing rules, the Railway failed to show closing the crossings would answer the safety concerns posed. Rather, Judge Dudley found that such closures could increase the danger to the public by cutting the number of available crossings, and increasing the traffic to the four that would remain.

Judge Dudley further found that closing the seven crossings would cause problems for emergency vehicles needing to make a quick entrance and exit in the area.

Parties to the case can appeal the ALJ's decision to the full Commission. An appeal date is expected to be set in the near future.

The 7 crossings in question are located at 38th, 39th, 40th, 45th, 51st, 53rd and 61st west avenues in Tulsa.

The Sand Springs Railway Company delivers materials to some 35 customers between Tulsa and Sand Springs.

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EDITORS: Judge Dudley's report is attached. [DUDLEY REPORT](#)

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