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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 5, 1982**

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**(City Clerk)**

City Clerk Reimche presented a letter which had been received from C. T. Babers, General Manager, Southern Pacific Transportation Company in response to a complaint regarding excessive whistle blowing by locomotive engineers which read in part as follows:

**COMPLAINT RE**  
**EXCESSIVE WHISTLE**  
**BLOWING BY LOCO-**  
**MOTIVE ENGINEERS**

"We do not condone excessive blowing of the train whistle, but the locomotive engineer is required by rules and court decisions to sound a warning as the train approaches a grade crossing regardless of the type of crossing protection that exists. This signal is to be commenced sufficiently in advance to afford ample warning, but not less than one-quarter mile before reaching the crossing. Additionally, it is necessary to use the train whistle as a means of communications in train operations and for standard safety procedures.

Since the operation of trains in your area is under the jurisdiction of Mr. K. A. Moore, Sacramento Division Superintendent, a copy of your letter is being passed to him with request that he take necessary precautions against excessive and unnecessary whistling in this territory."

City Clerk Reimche was directed to forward a copy of this letter to Mr. Lawrence Wilson, who initiated the subject complaint.

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May 12, 1982

Mr. Lawrence A. Wilson  
325 Daisy Avenue  
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In response to your letter dated March 11, 1982, the City Council of the City of Lodi directed that a communication be sent to Southern Pacific Transportation Company to seek an amicable solution to the complaint that they are blowing their train air horns unnecessarily and for excessively long periods of time as they pass through Lodi and during switching operations.

Enclosed is a copy of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's reply to our letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

*Doreen L. Gaugel*  
Doreen L. Gaugel  
Deputy City Clerk

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# Southern Pacific Transportation Company

Southern Pacific Building • One Market Plaza • San Francisco, California 94111

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C. T. BABERS  
GENERAL MANAGER

ALICE M. REIMCHE  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF LODI

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Ms. Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk  
City of Lodi  
P. O. Box 320  
Lodi, California 95241

Dear Ms. Reimche:

Your letter of March 26, 1982, addressed to Mr. Henry Ortiz, Public Relations Manager, regarding complaints of excessive whistle blowing by our locomotive engineers has been passed to my office for response.

We do not condone excessive blowing of the train whistle, but the locomotive engineer is required by rules and court decisions to sound a warning as the train approaches a grade crossing regardless of the type of crossing protection that exists. This signal is to be commenced sufficiently in advance to afford ample warning, but not less than one-quarter mile before reaching the crossing. Additionally, it is necessary to use the train whistle as a means of communications in train operations and for standard safety procedures.

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Yours very truly,

*Chas. T. Babers*