

Decision No. 18900 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
 THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE  
 RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, for  
 Authority to Construct, Maintain  
 and Operate Two Spur Tracks Across a  
 County Road at Strathmore, Tulare  
 County, California.

**ORIGINAL**  
 Application No. 14103.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, filed the above-entitled application with this Commission on the 26th day of September, 1927, asking for authority to construct two spur tracks at grade across a county road running north and south through the center of Section 33; Township 20 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B. & M., east of Strathmore, County of Tulare, State of California, as hereinafter set forth. The necessary franchise or permit, dated September 20, 1927, has been granted by the Board of Supervisors of said County of Tulare, for the construction of said crossings at grade. It appears to this Commission that the present proceeding is not one in which a public hearing is necessary; that it is neither reasonable nor practicable at this time to provide grade separations or to avoid grade crossings at the points mentioned in this application with said county road, and that this application should be granted subject to the conditions hereinafter specified; therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, to construct two spur tracks at grade across a county

road running north and south through the center of Section 33; Township 20, South; Range 27 East; M.D.B. & M., east of Strathmore, County of Tulare, State of California, at the locations hereinafter particularly described and as shown by the map, (Div'n. Eng. Dwg. No. V-4-429) attached to the application.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CROSSINGS.

Beginning at a point in the east line of the County Road, said point lying 13 feet north of the center line of main track of the Strathmore spur where said spur track crosses county road; thence west, parallel with and distant 13 feet north of the center line of said main spur, a distance of 40 feet to the west line of County Road;

Beginning at a point in the east line of county road, said point lying 13 feet south of the center line of the main track of the Strathmore spur where said spur track crosses county road; thence west, parallel with and distant 13 feet south of center line of said main spur, a distance of 40 feet to the west line of County road.

The above crossings shall be identified as Crossing No. 2 M-53.2-C.

Said crossings to be constructed subject to the following conditions, namely:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossings together with the cost of their maintenance thereafter in good and first-class condition for the safe and convenient use of the public, shall be borne by applicant.

(2) Said crossings shall be constructed equal or superior to type shown as Standard No. 2, in General Order No. 72 of this Commission and shall be constructed at least twenty feet in width, with the tops of rails at same elevation as main track rails and flush with the roadway, and with grades of approach not exceeding two (2) per cent; shall be protected by a suitable crossing sign and shall in every way be made safe for the passage

thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossings.

(4) If said crossings shall not have been installed within one year from the date of this order, the authorization herein granted shall then lapse and become void, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossings as to it may seem right and proper, and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th  
day of October, 1927.

Edmund J. [Signature]  
Chas. [Signature]  
Leon [Signature]  
Thos. [Signature]  
M. J. [Signature]  
Commissioners.