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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for permission to construct spur tracks at grade across a county road in the city of Ponca, Tulare County, California.

Application No. 2448.

By the commission.

<u>ORDER.</u>

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, a corporation, having on July 24, 1916, filed with the Commission an application for permission to construct spur tracks at grade across a county road in the city of Ponce, Tulare County, California, as hereinafter indicated, and it appearing to the Commission that this is not a case in which a public hearing is necessary; that the proposed crossings are not within the limits of an

incorporated town or city and no franchise is needed for the construction of said crossings at grade, and it further appearing that it is not reasonable nor practicable to avoid grade crossings with said county road, and that this application should be granted subject to the conditions hereinafter specified.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That permission be hereby granted Southern Pacific Company to construct spur tracks at grade across a county road in the city of Ponca, Tulare County, California, described as follows:

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Beginning at a point on the north line of the County Road, on the line between Sections 1 and 2, T -22-S, R-27-E, said point being 13 ft east of the center line of the SPRR Fresno Branch main track at Engineer Station 4349 plus 85; thence south, parallel to and distant 13 ft. from said main track, a distance of 80 ft. to the south line of the County Road.

Also, beginning at a point on the north line of the County road, on the line between Sections 1 and 2, T-22-S, R-27-E, said point being 40 ft. east of the center line of the SPRR Fresno Branch main track at Engineer Station 4349 Plus 85, thence southerly 80 ft. plus, to a point in the south line of said county road, said point being 46 ft east and at right angles to the center line of the SPRR Fresno Branch main line.

All of the above as shown by the map attached to the application; said crossings to be constructed subject to the following conditions. viz:

(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 of a width and type of construction to conform to those portions of the county road now graded, with grades of approach not exceeding four (4) per cent; shall be protected by suitable crossing signs, and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) 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

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may seem right and proper, and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th luguet, 1916. day of

Commissioners.