BEFORE THE RATLROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of TIDEWATER SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY for permission to construct its tracks at grade across several public high-ways on its line between Small and Manteca, San Joaquín County, California.

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Application No. 2819.

By the Commission.

ORDER

having on March 27, 1917 filed with the Commission an application for permission to construct its tracks at grade across several public highways on its line between Small and Manteca, San Joaquin 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 public highways, and that this application should be granted subject to the conditions hereinafter specified;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That permission be hereby granted the Tidewater Southern Railway Company to construct its tracks at grade across several public highways on its line between Small and Manteca. San Joaquin County, California, described as follows:

"Crossing No. 1. - A public highway running Southeasterly and Northwesterly through the center of Section Eight (8), Township One (1) South, Range Seven (7) East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian;

"Crossing No. 2. - A public highway running East and West along the line between Sections Twenty (20) and Twenty-Nine (29), Township One (1) South, Range Seven (7) East. Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. "Crossing No. 3. - A public highway running East and West along the line between Sections Twenty-Nine (29) and Thirty-two (32), Township One (1) South, Range Seven (?) East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian: "Crossing No. 4. - A public highway running East and West through the Town of Manteca and along the line between Sections Thirty-two (32) and Five (5), Townships One (1) and Two (2) respectively. South, Range Seven (7) East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; "Crossing No. 5. - A public highway running North and South through the Town of Manteca and along the line between Sections Four (4) and Five (5), Township Two (2) South, Range Seven (7) East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian." 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 highways to be crossed 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 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 16 th day of April. 1917.

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Commissioners.