



Pacific Company. This crossing is located on an east and west road through a section that has recently been subdivided and settled. The nearest east and west roads are located one mile in each direction, and the crossing applied for, although a private crossing and protected by private crossing signs, has been used by the public for some time. The view is obstructed to a certain extent by a few trees located west of the crossing, but the County will remove these when the road is graded.

The crossing mentioned in Application No. 3430 was previously applied for under Application No. 2471 and was denied in Decision No. 3753. At that time it was held that this crossing was dangerous on account of a large warehouse which would break the view and because cars placed on the siding for this industry would further tend to make the crossing dangerous, also that a crossing located one-quarter mile north of the proposed crossing made it unnecessary for public convenience.

Since the date of the first application the conditions have changed; the warehouse which obstructed the view has been removed, and the county will close the crossing located one-quarter mile north. The view will therefore be open and the only objectionable feature will be the siding, which necessitates the crossing of two tracks. Since the removal of the warehouse this track has been used occasionally as a passing track, but as it is shorter than the standard passing track, it is suggested that the Southern Pacific Company be allowed one year after the installation of the crossing in which to remove the siding.

The Southern Pacific Railroad is the dividing line at this point between the orange groves and the alfalfa fields. The principal necessity for the crossing is the hauling of alfalfa, and a crossing at this point would result in a saving of

considerable distance when hauling heavy loads.

I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R.

COUNTY OF TULARE, California, having applied to the Commission for permission to construct two public roads at grade across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company, as shown on the maps attached to the applications and hereinafter described, and a public hearing having been held, and it appearing that the crossings should be granted subject to certain conditions;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That permission be and the same hereby is granted County of Tulare, California, to construct highways at grade over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company at the following points:

First. On the north line of Section 12, in Township 16 South, Range 23 East, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian.

Second. On the north line of the northeast quarter of Section 26, in Township 19 South, Range 26 East, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, near the Station of Orangehurst.

Both crossings being in the County of Tulare, State of California, and to be constructed subject to the following conditions, viz.:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossings shall be borne by applicant.

(2) The expense of maintaining the crossings up to a line two (2) feet outside the rails of the Southern Pacific Company shall be borne by applicant. The expense of maintaining the crossings between the rails and to a line two (2) feet outside thereof shall be borne by Southern Pacific Company.

(3) The crossings shall be constructed of a width not less than twenty-four (24) feet, 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.

(4) The crossing located approximately one-quarter mile north of the crossing at Orangehurst which has been granted in this application shall be abandoned and closed to the use of the public.

(5) Should the siding located at Orangehurst, and known as Burr siding, prove to be a menace to public safety, the Commission reserves the right to make such further orders regarding its removal as to it may seem necessary.

(6) 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 foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1918.

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