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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of BOARD OF TRUSTEES, City of El Centro, Imperial County, California, for permission to construct three (3) street crossings at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Company in said City.
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Application 466.

ORDER

By the Commission.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, City of El Centro, Imperial County, California, having on March 24, 1913, filed with the Commission an application for permission to construct Commercial Avenue, Main Street and Orange Avenue, of said City, across the tracks of Southern Pacific Company, as hereinafter indicated, and it appearing to the Commission that this is not a case in which a public hearing is necessary, that Southern Pacific Company has granted an easement, dated December 20, 1911, authorizing the construction of said streets at grade across its tracks; and it further appearing that it is not reasonable nor practicable to avoid grade crossings with said tracks, and that the application should be granted subject to the conditions hereinafter specified.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission be hereby granted Board of Trustees, City of El Centro, Imperial County, California, to construct Commercial Avenue, Main Street and Orange Avenue at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Company, as shown by the maps attached to the application and subject to the following conditions, viz.:

- (1) The expense of constructing the crossings, together with the cost of their maintenance hereafter in good and first-class condition for the safe and convenient use of the public up to within two (2) feet on each side of the rails of the tracks of said Company, shall be borne by applicant; provided, however, that said Company shall bear the cost of construction and maintenance hereafter of that portion of the crossing on Commercial Avenue included between the interior wyo track (which begins at station 1657+15) on the main track, and also between the main track and the passing track immediately adjacent thereto on the west side; also provided that said

Company shall construct and maintain that portion of the crossing on Main Street between its main track and the present side tracks immediately adjacent thereto on each side; and also provided that said Company shall construct and maintain that portion of the crossing on Orange Avenue between its main track and the second side track on the west side thereof.

(2) The crossings at Commercial and Orange Avenues shall be constructed of a width (parallel with the track) of not less than twenty-four (24) feet. Crossing at Main Street shall be constructed of a width (parallel with the track) of not less than forty (40) feet. The approaches to the crossings shall be of a grade not exceeding six (6) per cent, and all crossings shall be ballasted with stone or gravel ballast to a depth of not less than six (6) inches, and for a sufficient distance on each side of the tracks to make same first-class and safe for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) Standard crossing signs or warning posts shall be placed at each street intersection on each side of the right of way at the cost of said Company.

(4) 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 26th day of March, 1913.

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W. G. Gordon

Edwin O. Edgerton
Commissioners.