

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 6820.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of the Board of Supervisors of)
Colusa County to construct grade) Application No. 4994.
crossing.)

Charles de St. Maurice, County Surveyor
for County of Colusa.

Frank B. Austin, for United States Railroad
Administration - Southern Pacific Company.

By the Commission.

O P I N I O N

This is an application under Section 2694, Political Code, for authority to establish a public road crossing at grade over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company's main line on the line between Sections 30 and 31, T. 15 N., R. 2 W., K.D.B.&M., about three miles southeast of Williams, Colusa County.

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Colusa on October 21, 1919, at which all interested parties were represented.

The proposed crossing is located on an extension of an east and west road, which ends at present about two and one-quarter miles east of the railroad. This point is also the junction with a north and south road some nine or ten miles long. The extension of this road west over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company will connect with the State Highway, which parallels

the railroad on the west side, and will allow the people living east of the track a short cut to Williams, their Post Office and nearest source of supplies.

The nearest east and west roads paralleling the proposed extension are two miles north and one mile south. The nearest railroad crossings are about one and one-eighth miles north on a north and south road and one mile south on the east and west road mentioned above. There is also a private crossing about three hundred (300) feet north of the crossing asked for, which applicants agree will be closed when the new public road is opened.

The proposed crossing is situated in level, open country, affording good view for long distances, of approaching trains. The railroad track is on a fill of about three feet.

The Southern Pacific Company offered no objection to the construction of the crossing at grade, but desires a crossing at right angles to the track. A crossing at right angles to the track will also be at right angles to the State Highway, while a crossing on the section line would make an acute angle to the south, with the State Highway, which would be inconvenient and more hazardous.

O R D E R

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COLUSA COUNTY, having filed with the Railroad Commission petition to said board of certain residents requesting the location of a public highway across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company at grade, between Sections 30 and 31, T. 15 N., R. 2 W., about three miles southeast of

Williams, Colusa County, and a public hearing having been held and it appearing that the application should be granted;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That permission be and the same is hereby granted the County of Colusa to construct a public road crossing at grade over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company, at the point and in the manner applied for, subject to the following conditions and not otherwise, viz.:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossing, including cattleguards and wing fences, shall be borne by applicant.

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

(3) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than twenty-four (24) feet, at right angles to the railroad track, with grades of approach not exceeding four (4) 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.

(4) The existing private crossing about three hundred (300) feet north of the proposed crossing shall be closed upon completion of the public road.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossing as to it may seem right and proper, and to revoke its permission if, in its judg-

ment, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day
of November, 1919.

H. B. ...
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Commissioners.