Decision No. 7146

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of the COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO for permission to establish a grade crossing over the tracks of Sacramento Northern Reilroad at Grove Avenue, North Sacramento.

Application No. 5159.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

## OBINION

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The crossing applied for is 650 feet distant from the existing crossing at El Camino Avenue. A railroad siding is being constructed from a point near El Camino Avenue southwesterly to Douglas Avenue, and at Grove Street its grade will be about a foot and a half lower than that of the main line. The railroad plans to use this siding for the storage of freight cars. This use would seriously interfere with the view of approaching trains.

Grove Avenue terminates at the north line of a

subdivision north of El Camino Avenue in which practically all of the traffic originates. At present this traffic must cross the tracks and turn at an acute angle into Traction Avenue to reach Grove Avenue to the south. This street is a graveled dirt road and the only available improved street by which to connect El Camino Avenue and Del Paso Boulevard, which are paved, and the principal thoroughfores in the vicinity. They are about four blocks apart via Grove Avenue direct and converge at a point about six blocks east of the present crossing.

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## <u>ORDER.</u>

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Dated at San Francisco. California, this To

day of February, 1920.

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