

Decision No. 7.781.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application)
of the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of)
Kern County for permission to con-)
struct a crossing across the right-)
of-way of The Atchison, Topeka and)
Santa Fe Railway Company, to the)
road connecting Wasco and Elmo, in)
said County.)

Application No. 5193.

R. B. Lambert for Applicant.

M. W. Reed for Atchison, Topeka and
Santa Fe Railway Company - Coast Lines.

By the Commission.

O P I N I O N

This is an application under Section 2694 of the Political Code, for authority to construct a public road crossing at grade across the right of way and tracks of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company near the northline of the south-east quarter of Section 13, T. 26 S., R. 24 E., M.D.B. & M. between Wasco and Elmo, Kern County, California.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Westover at Bakersfield on May 17, 1920.

The road served by the proposed crossing extends westerly from the railroad for about three miles. A north and south county road parallels the railroad along the east side of the right of way. Twelve to fifteen families have settled in the section west of the track and at the present time they are forced to detour about one-quarter of a mile

through open fields and over a private road and crossing in order to get onto the county road to Wasco and Elmo.

The proposed crossing will be on a railroad fill requiring seven (7) per cent grades of approach. The surrounding country is open and level except for a small amount of brush on the west side of the railroad. This brush should be removed by the county. The railroad company did not oppose the opening of this crossing as existing public crossings are a considerable distance apart in this section. It may be possible in the future to run the road under trestle No. D-918 in case travel on this road becomes heavy. The cost of doing so would not be warranted at the present time as it would be necessary to care for drainage from storm waters by pumping. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

Board of Supervisors of Kern County having filed with the Railroad Commission a petition to said Board by certain residents, requesting the installation of a public highway at grade across the tracks of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company near the north line of the south-east quarter of Section 13, T. 26 S., R. 24 E., M.D.B. & M. between Wasco and Elmo in Kern County; a public hearing having been held and it appearing to the Commission that the application should be granted;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That permission be and the same hereby is granted the County of Kern to construct a road crossing at grade across the tracks of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company on the north line of the south-east quarter of Section 13, T. 26 S., R. 24 E., M.D.B. & M. between the towns of Wasco and Elmo; said crossing to be con-

