

Decision No. 8888

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the COUNTY OF TULARE for permission to construct a crossing of a public highway over a railroad of the Visalia Electric Railroad Company on the East line of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 32, in Township 17 South, Range 27 East, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian.

Application No. 6358

W. W. Middlecoff for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

By this application, the County of Tulare requests permission to construct a public crossing at grade over the tracks of the Visalia Electric Railroad Company near Naranjo, Tulare County.

A public hearing upon the application was held by Examiner Westover at Visalia.

The purpose in asking the crossing is to enable two or three families living to the south of the railroad to reach the county highway, about one-fourth mile north of the crossing. The highway at this point extends east and west. There is a public crossing about one-fourth mile westerly, over which a county road extends north and south to a connection with the county highway. This road leads to Woodlake, the trading point of the locality. The heavy traffic from the locality moves

eastward to Naranjo and would use the crossing authorized by the order in Decision No. 8701 in Application No. 6359, lying about three quarters of a mile easterly, not yet opened.

It appears from the testimony that the county road lying south of the tracks, extending east and west, could be extended westerly one-fourth mile to a connection with the north and south county road, thus enabling the residents of this locality to use the present public crossing one-fourth mile to the west of the proposed crossing, and in this way avoid the hazard to safety incident to establishing an additional crossing. It appears from the testimony that the cost to the county of acquiring and improving the road to the westward one-fourth mile would probably be about the same as the cost to it of installing the crossing.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held upon the above entitled application, the matter having been submitted, and being ready for decision, and it appearing from the testimony that public convenience and necessity do not require the establishment of the proposed grade crossing over the tracks of the Visalia Electric Railroad Company on the east line of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 32, in Township 17 South, Range 27 East, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above application be and it is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1921.

H. D. Loveland  
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Commissioners.