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Decision No. 9784.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of }
JOSEPH A CHANSLOR and COAL FIELDS }
RAILWAY for an order authorizing }
the execution of a lease. }

Application No. 7329

Thomas, Beedy and Lanagan for applicants.

BENEDICT, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N.

This application involves the lease of certain railway property owned by JOSEPH A. CHANSLOR to COAL FIELDS RAILWAY, a corporation.

The record shows that Joseph A. Chanslor is engaged in the business of a common carrier operating, so far as the physical condition of the property permits, a standard gauge line of railroad between McKay Station on the lines of the Southern Pacific in San Luis Obispo County and the mines of the Stone Canyon Coal Company in Monterey County, a distance of approximately 22 miles. The railroad was constructed and has been operated principally for the purpose of transporting the production of the Stone Canyon Coal Company. In 1914, the railroad bridge across the Salinas River was destroyed by floods. Since then, little or no business has been done by the railroad.

It appears that Joseph A. Chanslor has entered into an agreement for the sale of the properties. Pending the final payment, he asks permission to lease the properties which are described

in this application and in Exhibit "A" to Coal Fields Railway.

More than \$100,000.00 has been or will be expended to build the bridge across the Salinas River and place the railway properties in an operating condition. If this application is granted, the Coal Fields Railway will operate the railroad as a common carrier.

I recommend that this application be granted and herewith submit the following form of order:

O R D E R

JOSEPH A. CHANSLOR having applied to the Railroad Commission for permission to lease certain railway properties to Coal Fields Railway and COAL FIELDS RAILWAY having joined in the application, a public hearing having been held and the Commission being of the opinion that this application should be granted;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that JOSEPH A. CHANSLOR be, and he is hereby, authorized to lease to the COAL FIELDS RAILWAY the railway properties described in this application in accordance with the terms of the lease filed in this proceeding and marked Exhibit "A".

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of November, 1921.

H. P. Boudreau
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J. J. ...

COMMISSIONERS.