

CONFIDENTIAL

Decision No. 27303

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Joint Application of the COUNTY OF TULARE and the CITY OF PORTERVILLE for an Order authorizing the establishing of a grade crossing over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company and Southern Pacific Railroad Company, as successors in interest to the Porterville North-eastern Railway Company, at a point where said railroad tracks running toward Springville from Porterville intersect the east boundary line of said City of Porterville.

Application No. 19419.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The City Council of the City of Porterville and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, State of California, on April 27, 1934, applied for authority to construct a public street known as Locust Street at grade across the main track of the Springville Branch of Southern Pacific Company, at the easterly limits of the City of Porterville. Subsequently, on June 25, 1934, the County of Tulare filed Application No. 19503 for a grade crossing of Melrose Avenue with said track at a point one quarter of a mile east of Locust Street.

The following is quoted from a letter from Southern Pacific Company under date of August 5, 1934:

"We understand that the crossing now requested under Application No. 19503 is in the nature of an alternative proposition, and our consent to the granting of this application is given with the understanding that either one or the other, but not both, of these crossings will be opened"

The Commission's engineers have made an inspection of conditions on the ground and have recommended that Application No. 19503 be granted and that Application No. 19419 be denied.

It appearing to the Commission that public convenience and necessity do not require crossings at both Locust Street and Melrose Avenue; that the crossing proposed at Melrose Avenue will better serve the public need; and that the application for a grade crossing at Locust Street should be denied,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application of the County of Tulare and the City of Porterville for a crossing at grade with the track of Southern Pacific Company, as proposed in the above entitled proceeding, is denied and said Application No. 19419 is dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of August, 1934.

Leon Cowdell
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Commissioners.