

Decision No. 20805

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to lay down, construct, operate and maintain a track upon and across the county road at Shafter, in the County of Kern, State of California.

Application No. 21068

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORIGINAL

ORDER

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a corporation, on March 16, 1937, applied for authority to construct a spur track at grade across a County road at Shafter, County of Kern, State of California. The necessary franchise or permit has been granted by the Board of Supervisors of said County for the construction of said crossing at grade.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein; that it is neither reasonable nor practicable at this time to provide a grade separation or to avoid a grade crossing at the point mentioned and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is hereby authorized to construct a spur track at grade across a County road at the station of Shafter, County of Kern, State of California, at the location more particularly described in the application and as shown by the map (Division Engineer's Drawing No. V-16-86) attached thereto, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The above crossing of County Road shall be identified as a portion of Crossing No. 2-905.1.
- (2) The entire expense of constructing and thereafter maintaining the crossing in good and first-class condition for safe and convenient use of the public, shall be borne by applicant.
- (3) Said crossing shall be constructed equal or superior to the type shown as Standard No. 2, in our General Order No. 72, and shall be constructed of a width to conform to that portion of said road now graded, with the tops of rails at same elevation as main line rails and flush with the pavement and with grades of approach not exceeding four (4) per cent, and the entire crossing shall be protected by two (2) Standard No. 1 crossing signs as specified in our General Order No. 75-A.
- (4) No train, engine, motor or car shall be operated over said spur track crossing unless the traffic on the highway is protected by a member of the train crew or other competent employee acting as flagman.
- (5) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossing and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (6) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof unless further time is granted by subsequent order.
- (7) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders, relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossing, as to it may seem right and proper and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1937.

Leon A. Whaley  
Frank A. M. M.  
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 Commissioners.