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## Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Workman Mill Road Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 003-13.90 in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County.

Dear Ms Coke:

This refers to your letter, dated April 29, 2010 (received on May 7, 2010), requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks and Workman Mill Road in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing Number 003-13.90.

In addition to UPRR freight trains, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) and the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operate passenger trains over this line.

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Disticts (LACSD) Waste-By-Rail project will transport waste from the Puente Hill Intermodal Facility to a landfill in Imperial County via rail. To avoid disturbing current railroad operations, LACSD will construct 17,000 feet of railroad track to the north of the existing UPRR tracks. The tracks at this location will function as staging tracks and will be used to assemble and disassemble freight cars to avoid blocking the main lines.

The proposed alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments shall consist of :

- Install one track within the existing railroad right of way and shift the existing two tracks slightly from their current alignment
- Install Commission Standard 9E (Commission Standard 9 installed on the departure side of the at-grade crossing, also known as an exit gate) warning devices at the northeast and southwest quadrants of the crossing with vehicle presence detection system
- Install new raised medians
- Construct delineated sidewalks through the crossing
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standard detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing
- Smooth the crossing surface by reducing the grade of the crossing from 4 percent to 1.5 percent.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request filed by the LACSD, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As LACSD, City, County, and UPRR are all in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your request dated April 29, 2010 and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.05, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the CA MUTCD.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Pubic Resources Code 21084].

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within two years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCES may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, LACSD shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site Form G page at <u>http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/formg</u>. This report may be submitted electronically to <u>rces@cpuc.ca.gov</u> as outlined on the web page.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurence Michael at (213) 576-7076 or ldi@cpuc.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

Daren Gilbert, Supervisor Rail Crossings Engineering Section Consumer Protection and Safety Division

C: John Ballas, City of Industry Freddy Cheung, UPRR Masashi Tsujii, LADPW