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Cerritos Avenue

City of Anaheim

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the At-Grade Crossing of Southern California Regional Rail Authority and the At-Grade Crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company across Cerritos Avenue in City of Anaheim, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Doran:

This refers to your letter, dated May 21, 2010, received May 25, 2010, requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the at-grade highway-rail crossings (crossings) of Cerritos Avenue by 2 tracks of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), CPUC Crossing No. 101OR-169.70 and a single track of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR), CPUC Crossing No. 001BM-512.75-C in the City of Anaheim (City).

The SCRRA crossing is adjacent to the UPRR crossing, and is separated by approximately 86 feet. SCRRA currently operates its Metrolink trains on its Orange Subdivision tracks, along with BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) freight service. UPRR operates minimal freight service on its Tustin Branch spur track. There are a total of 41 passenger and 8 freight train movements per day at the crossings.

The Commission authorized extensive improvements to the crossings in July 2009 (G.09-06-031). Now, SCRRA is requesting authorization to interconnect the SCRRA and UPRR crossings in order to comply with Part 3.1.11 of AREMA Communications and Signals Manual or Recommended Practices. AREMA provides that when adjacent crossings/tracks are separated by less than 100 feet, the warning devices for each should operate simultaneously with activation on either track.

In addition, SCRRA proposes the following modifications:

- Remove the two Commission Standard 9 warning devices (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm), and one Commission Standard 9A (flashing light signals on overhead assembly with automatic gate arm) between the two crossings;
- Upgrade the Commission Standard 9A on the westbound approach to the UPRR crossing and include LED flashing light signals;
- Replace the existing UPRR signal house;
- Upgrade all warning devices with LED flashing light signals and 3-track signs (R15-2);

- Install detectible warning strips on pedestrian sidewalk approaches to the UPRR track;
- Install and/or replace all railroad advance warning signs and pavement markings in accordance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD).

RCES investigated the request by SCRRA and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SCRRA, BNSF, UPRR and the City are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your letter dated May 21, 2010, and summarized above are authorized. Improvements shall comply with all applicable Commission General Orders and the CA MUTCD published by the California Department of Transportation.

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, the Commission's RCES may reevaluate the crossings prior to granting an extension.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Pereyra at (213-576-7083) or jfp@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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