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File Number: G.10-07-022
New Dock St
City of Long Beach

Al Moro, P.E.
Chief Harbor Engineer
The Port of Long Beach
925 Harbor Plaza
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the New Dock St At-Grade Highway-Rail crossing across the tracks of the Port of Long Beach, in City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Moro:

This refers to your letter, dated July 15, 2010, received July 16, 2010, requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the New Dock St at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing), CPUC Crossing No. 120AT-18.60, of the Port of Long Beach's (POLB) Alameda Corridor Subdivision tracks in City of Long Beach (City), County of Los Angeles.

POLB owns the railroad right of way and Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) operates freight service on the rail corridor. POLB, a City of Long Beach agency, also controls the street system within the port. The alterations proposed for this crossing are part of a larger project to reconstruct and widen the Terminal Island Fwy (SR-47).

The proposed SR-47 reconstruction will realign the existing tracks and shift the existing crossing. POLB proposes to shift the existing tracks east and raise the elevation to match the elevations of the reconstructed New Dock St. New Dock St will have two vehicular lanes for each direction of travel (east/west). Specifically, POLB will perform the following modifications:

- Construct new raised medians on both approaches to the crossing,
- Install one curb mounted Commission Standard 9A (flashing light signals with gate and cantilever, per GO 75-D) on west approach to crossing,
- Install one curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signals with gate, per GO 75-D) and one median mounted Commission Standard 9 on east approach to crossing,
- Replace all existing flashers with LEDs,
- Install new railroad signage, pavement markings and striping as indicated in letter and plans.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by POLB and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As POLB, PHL and 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 July 15, 2010, and summarized above are authorized. Improvements shall comply with all applicable Commission General Orders and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices 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 Public 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, POLB 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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Consumer Protection and Safety Division

C: Carlo Luzzi, Port of Long Beach
Robert Giannoble, Pacific Harbor Line