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City of Placentia, County of Orange

Roy Stephenson
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City of Placentia
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Placentia, CA 92870

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Kraemer Boulevard Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002B-42.50, DOT No. 026574P, in the City of Placentia, Orange County.

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

This refers to your letter, dated July 27, 2010 (received on August 2, 2010), requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to depress Kraemer Boulevard under the BNSF Railway (BNSF) mainline tracks in the City of Placentia, Orange County. The crossing is identified by CPUC Crossing Number 002B-42.50.

In addition to BNSF freight trains, the Southern California regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) and the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operate passenger trains over this line respectively. The City proposes to grade separate the Kraemer Boulevard at-grade crossing by constructing a three track railroad bridge over Kraemer Boulevard. During construction, Kraemer Boulevard and Crowther Avenue will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request filed by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City, BNSF, SCRRA and Amtrak 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 July 27, 2010 and summarized above are authorized.

The new crossing will be identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002B-42.50-B.

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.

Relative to the grade separation, this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Pubic Resources Code 21080.13].

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three 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, City 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 <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 Laurence Michael at (213) 576-7076 or ldi@cpuc.ca.gov .

Sincerely,



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