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File Number: G.10-08-006
Sheridan Street
City of Corona, Riverside County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Sheridan Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002B-24.34 and DOT No. 026526A, in the City of Corona, Riverside County.

Dear Mr. Herrera:

This refers to your letter, dated July 27, 2010 (received August 19, 2010 due to US Mail delays in forwarding to new CPUC office location), requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing at-grade crossing of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) Main Line 2B railroad tracks and Sheridan Street in the City of Corona (City), Riverside County, identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002B-24.34 and DOT Number 026526A.

The triple track crossing is currently a divided roadway, two lanes, one lane in each direction. The Sheridan Street crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with automatic gate). This line currently experiences approximately 46 BNSF freight trains per day at 50 mph and approximately 28 Amtrak and Metrolink passenger trains per day at approximately 60 mph.

City proposes the following alterations:

- Construct raised center medians at 8 inch high, 2 feet wide and 40 feet in length for both approaches; and
- Install detectable warning surface (tactile strips) for southeast, northeast and southwest quadrant.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request filed by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As City and BNSF 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 27, 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.

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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, 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 Bill Lay at (213-576-1399) or bll@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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C: Melvin Thomas, Public Project Manager, BNSF
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