

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

180 PROMENADE CIRCLE, SUITE 115  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95834



October 11, 2010

File Number: G.10-09-008

Ofelia Avalos.  
Associate Civil Engineer  
City of Sacramento  
Department of Transportation  
915 I Street, Room 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95814-2604

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Power Inn Road Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-43.34, DOT No. 752887F in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County**

Dear Ms. Avalos:

This refers to your letter dated September 3, 2010 and received by us on September 10, 2010, requesting authorization by the City of Sacramento (City), pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter an at-grade highway-rail crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track in the City. The crossing is identified as Power Inn Road Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BEL-43.34, DOT No. 752887F.

The crossing is currently a single track crossing equipped with two Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices. At this location, Power Inn Road is a two-lane road running north/south. The tracks cross the road at a high skew. UPRR operates over this crossing. Rail service at this crossing is approximately 32 trains per day at a maximum speed of 50 mph.

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

- Installation of landscaping, irrigation and some hardscape along the existing back of walk/curb along Power Inn Road between 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Fruitridge Road.

No vegetation exceeding 3' in height shall be permitted within 50' of the railroad tracks. Any vegetation that in the future is determined to obstruct sightlines of the warning devices or down the track will be removed by the City at its expense.

The City states in its GO88-B request letter that "The project will enhance aesthetics to this area and make it more pleasurable for the public to drive or walk along Power Inn Road. These improvements will also encourage economic vitality and discourage illegal dumping."

Staff has investigated the City's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and UPRR are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the

provisions of GO 88-B, you may proceed with the improvements as described in your request letter and attachments, and summarized above.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with section 8A.05, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation.

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

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

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 Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the 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/static/transportation/crossings/formg.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov) as outlined on the web page.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or [atm@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:atm@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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

C: Jim Smith, UPRR