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City of Anaheim, Orange County

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Re: **General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the State Route 57 (SR-57-Douglas Overhead) Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001BM-513.40-A and DOT No. 761634W in the City of Anaheim, Orange County**

Dear Mr. Fong:

This refers to your letter, dated September 9, 2010 (received September 16, 2010) requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the grade separated crossing of SR-57 (also referred to as Douglass Overhead) and the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks in the City of Anaheim, Orange County. The SR-57 highway-rail crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001BM-513.40-A and DOT Number 761634W.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), proposes to widen the northbound SR-57 between .31 miles south of Katella Avenue and .31 miles north of Lincoln Avenue. The Douglass Overhead is within project limits and will be widened approximately 20 feet 6 inches.

The project proposes a temporary impaired vertical clearance during construction of 21 feet and a permanent vertical clearance of 23 feet, which complies with the minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission General Order (GO) 26-D. UPRR operates freight trains on this line and is in agreement with the temporary impaired vertical clearance.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by Caltrans, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans and UPRR are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, Caltrans may proceed with the alterations as described in your request letter and summarized above.

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.

Pursuant to Commission Resolution SX-76 and Section 16.2 of General Order (GO) 26-D, Caltrans is granted a temporary deviation from GO 26-D, Section 2.1 and is authorized a temporary overhead clearance of not less than 21 feet above the top of the highest rail to the lowest of point

on the overhead structure and false work, during the period of widening of the Douglass Overhead structure, CPUC Crossing Number 001BM-513.40-A, DOT No. **761634W**, in the City of Anaheim, Orange County.

The following requirements shall apply to the temporary deviation to GO 26-D, Section 2.1:

1. Caltrans shall notify UPRR and the Los Angeles office of the Commission's Consumer Protection and Safety Division – Rail Operations Safety Branch (ROSB) and Rail Crossings Engineering Section at least 15 days but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when the City will create the temporary reduced overhead clearance. Commission notification may be made to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov).
2. UPRR shall issue instructions to all individuals responsible for operation of trains over these tracks of the temporary reduced clearance of 21 feet inches beneath the Douglass Overhead structure, and shall submit the instructions in advance of the date when Caltrans will create the temporary reduced overhead clearance to the Los Angeles office of ROSB and RCES. Notification may be made to [rces@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rces@cpuc.ca.gov).

Relative to the grade separation, this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public 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, the Caltrans 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](mailto: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](mailto:ldi@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Cc: Freddy Cheung, UPRR