

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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River Crest Drive  
City of Riverside, Riverside County

Edda Rosso  
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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the River Crest Drive Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 002X-7.00 and DOT No. 909090S, in the City of Riverside, Riverside County.**

Dear Ms. Rosso:

This refers to your letter, dated September 10, 2010 (received September 28, 2010), requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the existing River Crest Drive at-grade crossing on the San Jacinto Subdivision railroad tracks owned by Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and operated by BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) in the City of Riverside (City), Riverside County, identified as CPUC Crossing Number 002X-7.00 and DOT Number 909090S.

The single track crossing is currently a divided roadway, four lanes, two lanes in each direction. The River Crest Drive at-grade crossing is equipped with two median mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with automatic gate arm) and two curb mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with automatic gate arm). This line currently experiences approximately two BNSF trains per day at 15 mph, but is part of the proposed Perris Valley Line Metrolink project.

RCTC proposes the following alterations:

- Reconstruct the west raised median to use 8 inch curb face and extend the median length to 90 feet;
- Reconstruct the east raised median to use 8 inch curb face and extend the median length to 100 feet.
- Repave Rivercrest Drive between Fischer Road and Box Springs Blvd.;
- Upgrade crossing surface to Concrete Panels
- Reinstall or replace railroad crossing signage and reapply pavement markings in compliance with the California MUTCD, per plan ; and
- Install illumination at the crossing

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request filed by RCTC, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As RCTC, City, Metrolink 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 September 10, 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.

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, RCTC 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 Bill Lay at (213-576-1399) or [bill@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:bill@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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