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File Number: G.10-09-016
Cherry Avenue
City of Fontana, San Bernardino County

Ricardo Sandoval
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Cherry Avenue Grade Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-529.40-A and DOT No. 746973N, in the City of Fontana, San Bernardino County.

Dear Mr. Sandoval:

This refers to your letter, dated September 22, 2010 and received by us on September 29, 2010, requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the existing grade separated crossing of Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UPRR) Mainline 1B railroad tracks at Cherry Avenue in the City of Fontana (City), San Bernardino County. The Cherry Avenue highway-rail crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-529.40-A and DOT No. 746973N.

Cherry Avenue is a major north-south four lane arterial roadway from central Fontana to the freeway interchange at Interstate 10. The existing structure crosses a mainline and two sidings of UPRR's existing Alhambra Subdivision tracks. In addition to UPRR freight trains, the National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operates Amtrak passenger trains over this line.

The City proposes the following alteration:

- Widen the existing grade separated crossing on its west side by 71 feet 8.25 inches (total width from 76 feet 2 inches to 147 feet 10.25 inches) to accommodate expansion of the structure from four lanes to eight lanes with a shoulder and sidewalk.

The project proposes a temporary vertical clearance of 22 feet 6 inches with a minimum permanent vertical clearance of 23 feet 8 inches and a temporary horizontal clearance of 12 feet 0 inches with a minimum permanent horizontal clearance of 23 feet 11 inches which complies with the minimum clearance requirements specified in the Commission General Order (GO) 26-D therefore does not require temporary or permanent clearance deviations.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by the City, 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 alteration as described in your September 22, 2010 letter and summarized above.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with 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 CA MUTCD.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental 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, City shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G title *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. 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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